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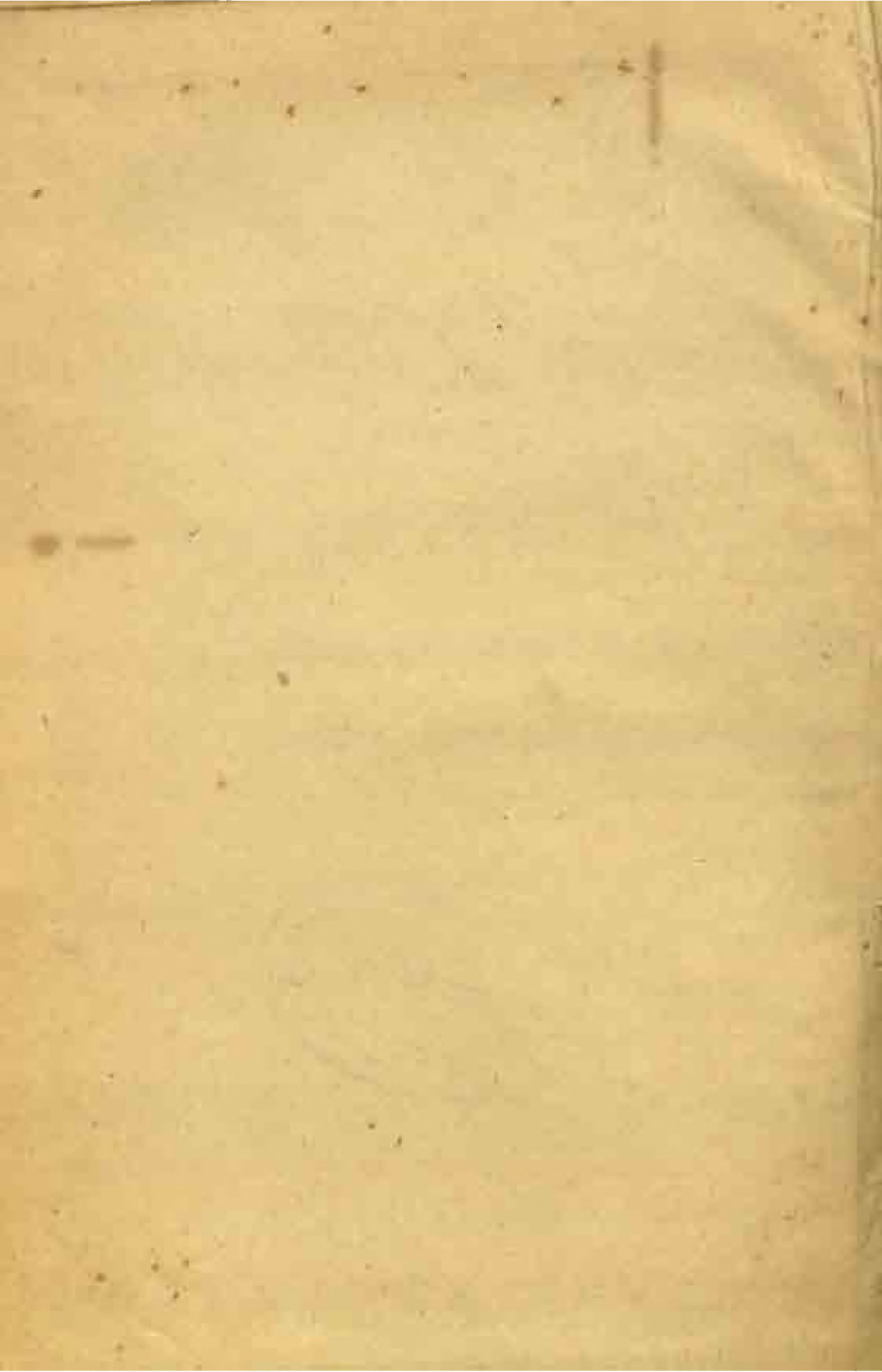
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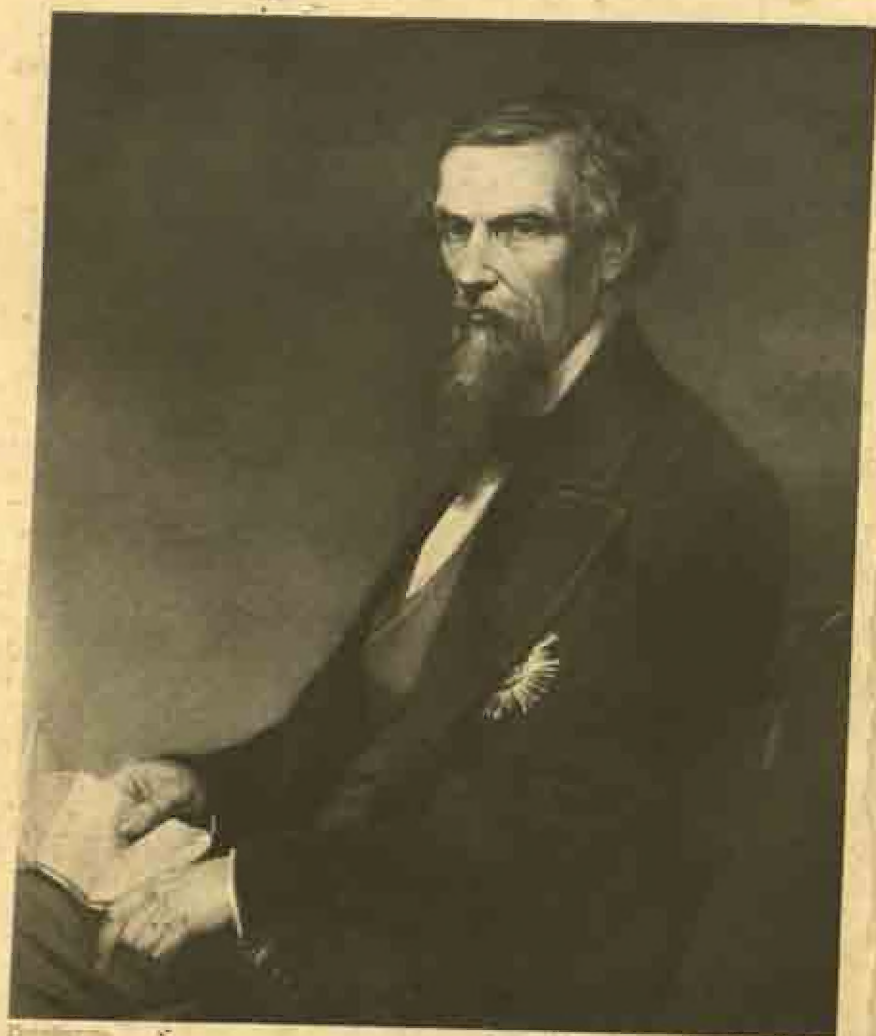
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INTRODUCTORY NOTE.

THE present volume is one of a series of selections from the Punjab Government records which have been published by the Punjab Government. The volumes constituting the series are—

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in two Parts.

It had been intended to issue further volumes also, dealing with (a) the records of the Karnal, Ambala and Ludhiana Agencies (including the despatches of Sir D. Ochterlony, Superintendent of Political Affairs and Agent to the Governor-General at Ludhiana, and the diaries of his Assistant, Captain G. Birch), 1816—1840; (b) the records of the North-West Frontier Agency, 1840—1845, and (c) those of the Lahore Residency, 1846—1849; but it has been found necessary on financial grounds to postpone the publication of these further papers.

The material for the volumes issued has been prepared and put through the Press by Mr. A. Raynor, late Registrar of the Punjab Civil Secretariat.

LAHORE:

December 1915.

PREFACE.

THE treaties executed with the Lahore Darbar after the first Sikh War provided *inter alia* for the location of a British garrison at Lahore until the end of the year 1846, to assist in the reconstitution of a satisfactory administration. Major (shortly afterwards Lieutenant-Colonel) H. M. Lawrence remained at Lahore as Agent to the Governor-General in charge of the political relations of the British Government with the Darbar.

2. This arrangement continued until the Treaty of Bhairawal executed in December 1846, when the Lahore Government, in return for the continued service of the British garrison, agreed to admit of more direct supervision during the minority of the Maharaja. Lieutenant-Colonel H. M. Lawrence was then made Resident as well as Agent to the Governor-General for the North-West Frontier, which continued to be the designation of the appointment until the 6th March 1848, when it was altered to that of Resident at Lahore and Chief Commissioner of the Cis- and Trans-Sutlej States.

3. The Diaries in this Volume relate to the period between the 1st January 1847 and the 6th March 1848, when the affairs of the Lahore State were carried on by a Council of Regency under the direction of the Resident and Agent to the Governor-General, North-West Frontier. No diaries were prepared after the 4th March 1848, the proceedings of the Resident and Chief Commissioner being reported to the Government of India in the form of weekly Abstracts of Correspondence.

4. Lieutenant-Colonel H. M. Lawrence held the office of Agent to the Governor-General, North-West Frontier, and Resident at Lahore, from the 1st January to the 30th November 1847, when he proceeded on sick leave to Europe. He had been absent at Simla from the 21st of August to the 17th of October 1847, during which period Mr. J. Lawrence, Commissioner and Superintendent of the Trans-Sutlej States, acted as Resident and Agent to the Governor-General in

addition to his other duties. Mr. J. Lawrence took charge again on Colonel Lawrence's departure and officiated as Resident and Agent to the Governor-General until relieved, on the 6th March 1848, by Sir F. Currie under the designation of Resident at Lahore and Chief Commissioner of the Cis- and Trans-Sutlej States.

5. The diaries of the Agent to the Governor-General, North-West Frontier, and Resident at Lahore consisted of three parts, viz. :—

- (a) A Summary of Punjab Intelligence,
- (b) A Diary of letters received and written, and
- (c) A memorandum of visits paid and received.

It has been considered unnecessary to print (b) in this collection, and the asterisks, where they occur, indicate the omission.

The names of persons and places are spelt as in the original manuscript.

6. The Diaries of the Assistants to the Agent to the Governor-General, North-West Frontier, and Resident at Lahore, which are referred to in his Diaries, will be printed separately.

September, 1909.

Political Diary of the Agent, Governor-General, North-West Frontier, and Resident at Lahore, from the 1st January to the 7th January 1847.

SUMMARY OF PUNJAB INTELLIGENCE.

1st January.

1. A singular proof of the suspicions entertained or affected to be so, concerning the interview at Bhyrowal, was this day afforded by the Maharanee, who offered a *surwarrah* of Rupees 1,100 for her son on his happy return from the same.

2. Sirdar Tej Singh, conversing in Durbar of Sheikh Eman-oo-deen, supposed that he had concealed upwards of a crore of rupees in money and property since his return from Cashmere.

3. In a letter from Peshawur, Sirdar Awtar Singh, Attareewallah, expresses a wish to have the salt mines annexed to his government. It was refused.

4. A grand display of fireworks at Shalimar in honour of the Governor-General, who attended with his staff, etc.

2nd January.

1. The Governor-General marched into Lahore. The Maharajah and the Court went out to give him the *salikhal*, and accompanied him to his tent through a street formed by the troops of the British Garrison. The Maharanee is reported to have again felt some alarm for the result of the meeting, and, on the return of the Maharajah, to have declared that now for the first time her mind was set completely at rest as to the intentions of the British.

3rd January.

1. Sirdar Tej Singh announced in Durbar his ardent determination to sign no more *perwannahs* till Dewan Deena Nath had first affixed his signature, as he himself is unread and may be putting his name to all kinds of treason and meet the same fate as Rajah Lal Singh.

4th January.

1. The Maharanee is anxious to get her allowance commuted into a *jager*, and requests the Council to accomplish it for her.

5th January.

1. It is reported that when Sheikh Enam-oo-deen was in rebellion in Cashmere, he was in correspondence with Mahomed Akbar Khan and called upon him for assistance. He has since denied any such correspondence to Lieutenant Edwardes.

6th January.

1. Mier Roop Lall reports having confiscated the property of Rajah Lall Singh at Sunghoyan and Rhotas. A Motmid is despatched to bring it all to Lahore.

2. The Governor-General pays a visit to the Maharajah. A grand Durbar.

3. General Kanh Singh, Man, reports that the force with Lieutenant Lumsden has marched from Mozufferabad towards Hubeeb-oolah ke Gurhee.

7th January.

1. Dewan Moolraj of Mooltan reports a disturbance among the Beloochees of Dera Ghazee Khan.

2. Mr. Secretary Currie and myself went to Durbar to enquire after the Maharajah's health on the part of the Governor-General.

3. The Maharanee is reported to have sent 2,000 gold *hoedrees* to Rajah Lall Singh.

4. The Chief Sirdars of the Durbar were invited by the Governor-General to visit him after dinner, which they did at his tent. A large assembly of British officers was present, and His Lordship proposed the healths of His Highness the Maharajah, Sirdar Tej Singh, etc., at which the Sirdars were highly gratified, though rather frightened at the cheers which were given in their own honour. By order of the Durbar a display of fireworks took place afterwards in front of His Lordship's camp.

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VISITS PAID AND RECEIVED.

In the confusion incidental to the recent change in our relations with this Court, no record of visits and audiences was kept till the 19th of January: but during the progress and visit of the Governor-General to Lahore, State Durbars and ceremonies of mutual politeness occupied both His Lordship's camp and the Maharajah's Court to the exclusion of regular business. In future a register of all interviews will be kept.

(Sd.) H. M. LAWRENCE,

Resident and Agent, G.-G., N.-W. F.

Political Diary of the Agent, Governor-General, North-West Frontier, and Resident at Lahore, from the 8th to the 14th January 1847.

SUMMARY OF PUNJAB INTELLIGENCE.

8th January.

1. The Council gave a severe reprimand to Ruttun Chund, Doogul, for sending messages from Rajah Lall Singh to the Maharanee through a page in attendance on Her Highness.

2. This afternoon the chief Sirdars waited on the Governor-General at his tent, and His Lordship made presents to each of them. I have since taken notice that they are very proud of the English watches and chains they have thus received, and wear them on all occasions, though probably most of them would be puzzled to tell the hour by looking on the dial.

10th January.

1. The English fashion of horse-racing is so approved of at the Court that the Maharajah has ordered a small course to be marked out inside the Palace Gardens for his own especial amusement.

2. Sirdar Sultan Mahomed Khan again applied to the Durbar for permission to go to Peshawar.

3. Bhace Nidhan Singh applied to be allowed two orderlies, the same as were allowed to his late uncle Bhace Ram Singh, as a mark of respect to his religious character. The propriety of the request was immediately admitted.

4. News received from Huzara that General Kanh Singh and the troops with Lieutenant Lumsden marched from Hubeeb-oolah ke Gurhee on the 1st January.

11th January.

1. The courtiers discoursing in Durbar to-day about the Governor-General's visit to Lahore say it went off admirably, and there was no difference shown, or diminution of respect, between any of the ceremonies on this occasion and the visits of former Governors-General to "the Great Maharajah," so that it was evident the British had determined to re-establish the Punjab State.

2. The Governor-General marched from Lahore towards Hurree-kee.

3. Mr. A. H. Cocks, C.S., joined his appointment as my Chief Assistant this day.

4. I removed with my establishment to General Ventura's house at Anarkullee, lately occupied by Sirdar Sultan Mahomed Khan, who is now encamped at Shah Durrab. The house will require considerable enlargement and repair, and for the present my tents are pitched in the compound.

12th January.

1. One lakh of rupees arrived from Mir Rulla Ram, Nazim of Chung, and was put in the Treasury of Motee Munder.

2. The following order, issued to-day to Bhyah Hurree Singh, Collector of Lahore Customs, is a curiosity in its way: "Supply the kitchen of Her Highness the Malaraanee with atta, 21 maunds; dal, 2 maunds; rice, 3 maunds; spices, 20 seers; myda, 2 maunds; ghee, 4 maunds; sugar and raisins, 1 maund each; being for the consumption of the month of Magh."

3. In the evening I attended Darbar and introduced Mr. Cocks to the Maharajah and principal Sirdars. Rajah Lall Singh's pension was the chief matter discussed, and even Dewan Deena Nath, who so stoutly defended the late Vizier on his trial, seemed already to have forgotten him and little inclined to show consideration to him in his present fallen condition.

4. Rupees 50,000 were forwarded to the Treasury by Teg Chund, Kardar in Chung.

5. Highway robbery on the road between Lahore and Ferozepore, Hurreekkee and Umritsur is still frequent. For the present I have made a cavalry detail responsible for the safety of the former road; but as Sirdar Lehna Singh seems now resolved to return to Lahore, I propose to confer upon him the post he held under Maharajah Runjeet Singh, *viz.*, Governor of Umritsur and the Manjha.

14th January.

1. Mungra, the slave, writes from Allahabad that she is desirous of extending her pilgrimage, and indeed contemplates devoting the rest of her days to religion and good works.

2. Dewan Deena Nath and Sirdar Tej Singh visited Colonel Lawrence at Anarkullee; Mir Ameer Chund's accounts, reducing the cavalry, *etc.*, were discussed.

(Sd.) H. M. LAWRENCE,

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**Political Diary of the Agent, Governor-General, North
West Frontier, and Resident at Lahore, from
the 15th to the 21st January 1847.**

SUMMARY OF PUNJAB INTELLIGENCE.

15th January.

1. General Hutsook Rai was ordered to pay up and discharge his regiment levied of late by Rajah Lall Singh.

2. General Cortlandt's four Poorubceah Regiments are also to be reduced to two forthwith.

3. It is proposed to recall the Kohistanee Regiments from Peshawur and discharge them.

16th January.

1. The Soonmzes of the city are ordered to defray the expenses of repairing the Enambarah of the Sheahs which they destroyed at the Mohurru, and security is taken from the heads of both parties for their keeping the peace.

2. General Golab Singh, Pohoovinderah, is selected for the military command at Peshawur.

17th January.

1. The Council see the propriety of following my advice given to Rajah Lall Singh about *jageers* held by subjects of Jummoo in the Punjab; and send instructions to Gobind Suhae, Kardar of Goojurat, to release the *jageer* of Thakur Dass at Biagpoorah, to remit the *jageer* of Dewan Jowala Suhae at Dholwal, and in future never interfere with the *jageers* of Jummoo subjects.

2. Rupees 20,000, instalment of revenue from the *ilakah* of Gunjah, were paid into the Treasury.

3. Sirdar Sultan Mahomed Khan again asks for his *rookhsut* and is told to have patience and he will get a *khilfut*.

4. Squabbling still continues between the Nazims of Mooltan and Jhung, concerning the bad characters on the mutual border who cross from one *ilakah* into the other for purposes of plunder. If this does not cease very soon I shall effectually separate them by taking away the debatable land between the two whenever a dispute arises.

5. It is contemplated to give Futteh Khan, Towanah, the Kardarship of Kuchee, Sabeewal, Mittah, Kalabagh, Noorpoor, etc.

6. The district of Rawul Pindee has been ravaged by locusts.

18th January.

1. Major Macgregor joined his appointment as one of my principal assistants, and received a *saadut* from the Maharajah.

2. Rupees 1,000 were given to Dr. Honigberger for expenses incurred in establishing a hospital in a cantonment outside the city called Runjore Singh's Chaonee. I shall be glad if this commencement is followed up and arrangements be made throughout the Sikh army for the care of the sick and wounded.

19th January.

1. General Hursook Rai, Kardar of the Manjha, paid in Rupees 7,000 of revenue.

2. Bukshee Bhuggut Ram was ordered to pay 1,40,000 rupees for the pay of Ruttun Singh's and Futtch Nuseeb's regiments, Kanh Singh Man's force in Huzarah, General Golab Singh Pohoovindeeah's and Colonel Bishun Singh's regiments, and Esree Singh's Artillery, for the months of *Kathik* and *Mughur* (October and November).

3. Dewan Deena Nath and Sirdar Tej Singh complain in the Durbar that Maharajah Golab Singh has not released the *fajers* of Ruttun Chund at Jesrotah, which is rather unreasonable, seeing that only two days have elapsed since they themselves released the *fajers* of Maharajah Golab Singh's Prime Minister.

20th January.

1. Mir Ameer Chund is urged to settle with the Sirkar, and pay in at once what ready money he has by him. He gives up *Hoodrees* to the amount of 2 lakhs and 25,000 rupees.

2. Four lakhs of rupees, instalment of revenue, have arrived from Mooltan.

3. It being now two years since any revenue has been received from Bunnoo Tank it is determined to send a force there without delay.

4. *Pirwannahs* were sent to all the officers at Peshawar placing them under the command of General Golab Singh, Pohoovindeeah.

5. It is settled to allow Rajah Lall Singh Rupees 24,000 a year, and his relative Kan Singh, Kuliareeah, Rupees 5,000.

21st January.

1. Rai Kishun Chund read to the Durbar a *roobukaree* from me commenting on a case in which General Hursook Rai, Kardar of the Manjha, had forcibly sent away a suitor to prevent his appearing and giving evidence before the British authorities. This Kardar has long been notorious for his oppression and I was not sorry to detect him in the above violent act. In the *roobukaree* in question I advised the Darbar to remove him from his Kardarship and deprive him of his rank, which was approved by the Darbar and carried out. I have no doubt that this early example will have a good effect through the country.

2. The Maharajah and Court went out to the *ecarut* of Madhoo Lall Hoossein to celebrate the festival of the Bassuntee or first day of spring. Being invited by the Maharajah, Mr. Cocks, Major Macgregor, Lieutenant Edwardes, and myself attended for an hour in the evening.

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VISITS PAID AND RECEIVED.

18th January.

Mool Singh, Vakeel of Sirdar Tej Singh, and Sheikh Emam-oo-deen, Vakeel of Sirdar Shere Singh—called with reports from the Durbar.

General Golab Singh, Pohoovindeeah—to inform me of his being ordered to Peshawar.

Doorga Pershaud, Vakeel of Puttiallah—to receive letter of dismissal.

Mehiab Singh and Gholam Shurf, Motmids of Kythul—similar errand.

Lalla Mungal Lal, Moonshee of Rai Kishun Chund—on Durbar business.

Rajah Fuzl Dad Khan, ex-Rajah of Rhotas—come from Cashmere to ask for a *jagetr*.

Rai Kishun Chund, Lahore Vakeel—Durbar business.

Sirdars Tej Singh, Shere Singh, Dewan Deena Nath, Fakeer Noor-oo-deen, Lalla Choontee Lall, Sirdar Uttur Singh, and Bhyah Chieyt Singh—with various notes of business.

19th January.

Asa Ram, Vakeel of Mooltan—called to receive a message to his master to pay up his arrears of revenue.

Kazee Mohkum-oo-deen, Jummoo Vakeel—with Cashmere intelligence.

Kirpa Ram, Aloowalah Vakeel—to report that his master's Cis-Sutlej estates have been made over to Major Mackeson.

Rai Kishun Chund, Lahore Vakeel—Durbar affairs.

Shunker Nath, a clerk in Dewan Deena Nath's office—to transact business with Mr. Cocks.

Ram Narain and Dass Mull from same office—to transact business with Major Macgregor.

Mool Singh, Vakeel, and Sheikh Emam-oo-deen, Vakeel—to report Huzara intelligence.

20th January.

Sirdar Kan Singh, a relative of the Maharajah—ostensibly a visit of ceremony, but talked of Runjeet Singh taking away 7 lakhs of *jageer* from him and giving him *jageers* worth 20,000 instead.

Dewan Hakim Rai—ceremony and hope.

A son of Baha Luchmun Singh, Vakeel of Sirdar Lehna Singh—to receive the Governor-General's and Mr. Currie's letters for his master.

Rai Kishun Chund—business.

Goormukh Rai—to express the wish of his master Saheb Deel to call upon me.

21st January.

Rai Kishun Chund—to say that to-day is the *Busunt Panchumee*, and that the Maharajah will as usual go to the tomb of Madho Lal Hoosein, and to ask if the Resident would like to go.

Misr Saheb Deel—ceremony and hope.

Sirdar Chunda Singh—to escort the Residency party to Madho Lal Hoosein's tomb.

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SUMMARY OF PUNJAB INTELLIGENCE.

22nd January.

1. Sirdar Urjun Singh is sent to Hurreekhee Ghaut to give the *istikhbar* to Sirdar Lehna Singh on his return to the Punjab.

2. *Hoondies* to the amount of Rupees 50,000 arrived from the Nazim of Dera Ismael Khan—instalment of revenue.

3. Strict orders issued to the Kardars of Districts to carry into effect the decrees of the Lahore Adalat and not consider themselves to have any discretionary power in cases that have been heard at Lahore.

4. Commanding Officers at Peshawur forbidden to grant furlough to their men without sanction of the Nazim.

5. The Residency party attended Durbar : a *khilut* conferred on Major G. Lawrence on his departure to Peshawur.

23rd January.

1. The Maharajah has become very fond of equestrian exercise, a taste in which Rajah Lall Singh is said not to have indulged him. The courtiers this day very eloquent in praise of His Highness' horsemanship and the improvement made since the Rajah's departure.

2. Bukhshee Bhuggut Ram, complaining of the constant claims brought against him by the soldiers, was informed by the Durbar that the best way to prevent such annoyances was to pay the army fairly.

24th January.

1. Colonel Cheyt Singh has returned from Mooltan.

2. Some complaint being made against Ram Diyal, Kardar of the *ilakah* of Nurot, an amusing contention took place among the Sirdars in the Durbar as to who should recommend a new Kardar to supersede him, Sardar Shumshere Slugh and Fakeer Chiragh-oo-deen each offering to go security for the payment of a lakh per annum by their own candidate ; in other words to farm it themselves at that rent.

3. General Cortlandt and his two Regiments are selected to form part of the force which is to go to Bunnoo Tank. There will probably be four other Infantry corps; 12 guns; and about 2,000 Cavalry. I have recommended that the Force should not be of less strength.

4. The house which formerly belonged to General Avitabile is conferred by the Maharajah on General Cortlandt's family.

5. The zemindars of Sobha Singh's Killa having brought to the British Residency the bodies of two of their number who had been killed in an affray brought on in collecting the revenue, Goor Buksh Rai, the Kardar, is called on by the Durbar to explain the occurrence; and a royal Bhyah is despatched to investigate the matter. A summary investigation at the Residency proved the zemindars on their own shewing to have been in the wrong.

6. The son of Misr Rulla Ram complained in Durbar that Dewan Moolraj had sent an armed party across his border in Kot Kumalia, who seized the Panches of a village and committed other excesses, so that the zemindars rose and retorted the attack (*sic*), and a fight ensued in which five or six were wounded on either side.

Hakim Rai, the Ameen of the Mooltan and Chung border, has been ordered to send in a statement of the case, when I shall see who was in fault, and take advantage of the opportunity to put an end to these disputes.

25th January.

1. *Perwannahs* issued to the Kardars of Goojurat and Wuzeerabad to supply *beldars*, masons, &c., &c., without delay to build houses in Anarkully and Lahore for the British Officers.

2. An order was sent to Misr Rulla Ram to confiscate the *jageer* of General Hursookh Rai, lately dismissed at my suggestion.

3. Syud Moortiza Shah and Meer Hoossein arrived from Cabool: the former with 130 released Hindustancees, the latter with two *nuzour* horses and friendly letters from Ameer Dost Mahomed Khan.

4. It appears from the accounts that the Maharajah's personal expenses amount to 44,000 Cashmeeroe rupees a month. I have spoken seriously on this matter to the Council.

27th January.

1. The Council proposed to give Rupees 10,000 of *jageer* to Rai Kishun Chund. I have since pointed out the impropriety of such an example of cupidity in one of the chief officers of the State, and the idea has been dropped.

2. General Meg Raj, brother of the slave-girl Mungla, is at my suggestion deprived of the rank of General in the Army, obtained for him by the influence of his sister; and to which neither his rank nor services give him any claim. There are several other officers who seem to have elected themselves to the same rank during the revolutionary times when soldiers did what they chose; and it is only fair that they should be the first to feel the weight of the present military retrenchments.

3. The Maharajah and Maharanee this day went in State to instal the idols in the new *Shivalah* outside the Mustee Gate.

4. A Mootsuddee, sent by Mr. Baron, Sugar Manufacturer at Shahjehanpore, presented in Durbar two loaves of sugar and a letter requesting permission to trade in the Punjab.

5. Complaints of our sentries stopping Sirdars at the City Gates on account of their wearing arms. This is owing to a misconstruction of orders, and has been remedied.

28th January.

1. The Maharanee again visited the new *Shivalah*; gave large alms and fed 500 Brahmins: such new religious zeal looks suspicious.

2. Heavy rain, which will be most welcome throughout the country and have an immediate effect in lowering the exorbitant price of grain.

3. Rai Kishun Chund asks leave of the Durbar to go to his home to celebrate a wedding.

29th January.

1. Rupees 1,100 for celebrating a marriage, and Rupees 500 for travelling expenses given to Rai Kishun Chund.

2. Moolraj writes from Pind Dadun Khan that Futteh Khan, Ghebee, has come in to him.

3. For facility of general business it is settled that I and my Assistants shall attend Durbar at the palace on Saturdays, and such Sirdars as wish it visit me at the Residency on Tuesdays, in every week: that miscellaneous persons shall visit me on Wednesdays and hillmen on Thursdays. On other days visitors only to come by invitation.

4. At my suggestion it is to be an established rule in future that all soldiers of the Lahore State shall receive 1 rupee a month *batta* per man while marching, and on crossing the Attock 1-8 extra per man. Two good results will ensue from such a regulation. In the first place the distant outpost of Peshawur will become popular instead of being considered a punishment, and in the second the Durbar will be careful not to incur the expense of moving troops about the country without necessity.

5. A night robbery in the streets of Lahore: a banker removing his money from one house to another was knocked down by a blow from a sword, and a sack containing Rupees 10,000 carried off: no trace whatever of the thieves, though I have authorized a reward of Rupees 500 to any one who will give information. The fact is that every large city must contain its proportion of vagabonds; and an efficient police is the only means of securing life and property. The present Kotwal's establishment in Lahore is quite inadequate to the duties assigned it, and the Durbar have consented to its immediate increase.

30th January.

1. The banker who was robbed and wounded last night died this morning.

2. The Maharanee wishes to take the Maharajah to Dhuleepgurh, but the Sirdars are opposed to her doing so. I have given a decided negative to her proposition as far as regards the Maharajah.

3. Two lakhs of rupees given out of the Motee Munder for the pay of the Peshawur troops; and Bakshee Bhuggut Ram's brother ordered to accompany it to Peshawur and serve it out.

4. General Golab Singh, Pohoovindeeah, received a handsome *khillat* from the Maharajah on his departure to Peshawur. I also gave him a pair of pistols.

5. In the evening, accompanied by my Assistants, I attended Durbar. Huzara affairs and the increase of the City Police were chiefly discussed.

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VISITS PAID AND RECEIVED.

22nd January.

Kurum Singh, the Maharanee's Treasurer—called to explain his own case and ask for protection, etc.

Kazee Ghulam Kadir Khun, Mother of Sirdar Soodtan Mahomed Khan, Barukzye—to talk about his master.

Kazee Mohkum-oo-deen, Jummoo Vakeel—with Cashmere intelligence.

Ameer-oo-deen Khan, a Peshawuree—appointed by the Durbar to attend Major Lawrence.

Fakeer Noor-oo-deen, Rai Kishun Chund, and Sirdar Shumsheer Singh—to take Residency party to Durbar.

27th January.

Gopee Nath, Vakeel of Rajah Suroop Singh of Jeendh—asking for lands to be given to his master in lieu of customs dues. Referred to Major Mackeson.

Sirdar Shere Singh—called to report Palace affairs and the difficulty of carrying on business as long as Bhace Ameer Buksh is in office. He was accompanied by Mool Singh, Vakeel of Sirdar Tej Singh.

Sheikh Emam-oo-deen, Vakeel of Sirdar Shere Singh—with Palace news.

Sheikh Gholam Mohee-oo-deen—appointed to go with Major Lawrence to Peshawur.

Asa Nund, Mooltan Vakeel—to report arrival of four lakhs of rupees from his master.

Moorul Singh, Vakeel of Shere Mahomed Khan of Sind—to ask for support for his master.

Ujub Singh, Motbir of Sirdar Runjore Singh—with letter from his master, reporting meeting with his brother-Lelma Singh.

Sirdar Surdool Singh, Man—to request restoration of his *jageers*.

Kazee Mahomed Nujeeb of Peshawur, a friend of Mr. Elphinstone's—to get redress for Sikh oppression.

Vakeel of Nuwab Sirfiraz Khan of Mooltan—to beg an interview for his master.

Hookum Chund, Moonshee of Rai Kishun Chund—with papers.

Rai Kishun Chund—to report Durbar affairs.

Jowala Singh, brother of Sirdar Surdool Singh, Man—to ask for maintenance, and complain against his brother.

25th January.

Mool Singh, Vakeel of Sirdar Tej Singh—with Durbar reports.

Sheikh Emam-oo-deen, Vakeel of Sirdar Shere Singh—ditto.

General Cortlandt, by invitation—to be told he is to go to Bunnoo.

Sirdar Jowala Singh, son of Futteh Singh, Man—same errand as yesterday.

Syud Moortiza Shah—to report arrival from Cabool with 130 released captives. He was accompanied also by a messenger from Dost Mahomed Khan.

Sheikh Emam-oo-deen and Poorun Chund, his Vakeel—to tell of the ruin that an evil fate has brought on his family. He also shewed introductory letters from Lord Elphinstone and the Messrs. Hardinge.

Rai Kishun Chund—with Durbar news.

Kazee Mohkum-oo-deen—with Jummoo, Huzara and Cashmere intelligence.

26th January.

Dewan Deena Nath called with a statement of Futteh Khan Townah's arrears. Talked on many matters; Bunnoo and Lahore murders; future distribution of Sikh army, etc.

Meerza Mahomed Hussein, Motbir of Ameer Dost Mahomed Khan of Cabool, and Syud Moortiza Shah—with letter from the Dost and two horses as presents.

Kazee Mohkum-oo-deen—with letter from Lieutenant Nicholson.

Hookum Chund—with papers from Rai Kishun Chund, his master.

27th January.

Kirpa Ram, Aloowalla Vakeel—to ask for leave.

Rai Kishun Chund—to talk of Durbar matters and take leave for 20 days.

28th January.

Lalla Choonce Lall, Hurkara Bashee—to discuss dawk arrangements and other matters.

Razee Mohkum-oo-deen—on Jummoos affairs.

Lalla Hookum Chund—with papers.

Gunda Singh, Vakeel of Sirdar Shumshere Singh, Sindhanwallah, and Ruttun Singh, uncle of ditto—to plead for *jageers* in Jusrouta.

29th January.

Rai Kishun Chund—to talk on business and take leave.

General Golab Singh, Pohoovindeeah, with his two sons—to take leave on departure to command at Peshawur.

Syud Moortiza Shah—to tell of his Cabool proceedings.

30th January.

Rajah Fyz Tulub Khan of Bhimbur; Rajah Shere Baz Khan of Meerpore; Mirza Aleem Oollahi, Vakeel of Rujowlee; Sirdar Hashim Khan of Narwalah; Gholam Ghous Khan of Shahpore; Roshun Khan of Rhotah; Rajah Oomed Singh of Bhuddoo; Rajah Poorub Singh of Monkote; Cashmere Singh and Bhoop Singh, brothers of the Bhuddoo-wallah; Meer Singh and Pyar Singh, relatives of ditto; Meean Gosawan of Ryasee; Rajah Futteh Singh, Shumshere Singh, and Soocheyt Singh of Jusrouta; Rajah Chund Rohur, and Daoodee Singh, his uncle, of Bundrawutee; Raja Zorawur Singh of Kishtwar; all exiles of Kohistan—to talk about their respective maintenances.

Lalla Rustee Ram, Tank Bunnoo Vakeel—to tell of his master Dowlut Rai.

Mool Singh, Vakeel of Sirdar Tej Singh—on Durbar business.

General Golab Singh, Pohoovindeeah, and Ala Singh, his son—to get a present on departure.

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Political Diary of the Agent, Governor-General, North-West Frontier, and Resident at Lahore, from the 31st January to the 7th February 1847.

SUMMARY OF PUNJAB INTELLIGENCE.

31st January.

1. The Durbar determine that as Sunday is kept at the Residency, it is proper for them also to take a holiday once a week. No Durbar held to-day in consequence. This matter will be looked to.

2. The Sirdars, in discussing the misunderstanding between Sirdar Lehna Singh, Majeethia, and his brother Runjore Singh, seem to be of opinion that those Sirdars would soon be reconciled to each other if it was not for their respective servants and advisers whose account (*sic*) is found in fostering a separation.

1st February.

1. The Ranee again presses on the Council her wish to go to Dhuleepgurh with the Maharajah. She is referred finally to me.

2. The Durbar talk of giving the *ilakah* of Wuzcerabad to Sheikh Enam-oo-deen. I will not allow it.

3. Sirdar Shumshere Singh, Sindhanwallah, is appointed to go with the force to Runnoo Tank: the Sirdar's Vakeel informed me it was not his tour of duty. I replied that I did not understand such excuses; all must go when ordered.

4. Sirdar Sultan Mahomed Khan finds it so cold on the banks of the Ravee that he wishes to be allowed to go to Wuzcerabad, in anticipation of leave to proceed to Peshawur. I have told him that I have no objection.

5. Miar Meg Raj complains of the extravagant orders for shawls, *pushmeenahs*, etc., etc., sent him by the Ranee for presents to holy men, etc. The Durbar in reply instructed him to let her have her own way till the month of *Chyst*, when her allowance of Rupees 12,000 a month will rigorously be observed. It is not my intention however to encourage this extravagance, as I consider Her Highness' fixed income commenced on the date of the Treaty being signed, since which time all her drafts on the public Treasury ought to be debited to her account.

E. The increase of pay granted at my suggestion to the troops serving beyond the Indus is as follows:—In the Infantry :—A General per mensem Rupees 100; a Colonel Rupees 60; a Commandant Rupees 30; an Adjutant Rupees 25; a Havildar Rupees 4-8; a Jummadar Rupees 8; a Sergeant Rupees 2-8; Ghurreewallah Rupees 2; a Sepoy Rupees 1-8; a Mootsuddae Rupees 10; a Bukshee Rupees 50; the Omlah annas 12. In the Cavalry, as follows:—A Colonel Rupees 90 per mensem; a Commandant Rupees 40; Adjutant Rupees 20; Jummadar Rupees 20; Havildar Rupees 8; a Sowar Rupees 5; a Mootsuddae Rupees 10.

2nd February.

1. The Rance is very angry at Sirdar Shumshere Singh being sent to Bunnoo Tank, as she says the Maharajah is very fond of him.

2. Durbar at the Residency. Sheikh Emam-oo-deen's former jagirs and a small farm held by him in the Punjab were restored. A considerable discussion about the punishment proper for several Mussalmans in the Provinces who have been guilty of cow-killing. It appeared that the offences had been committed since the date of the new Treaty, and as it is probable that the offenders believed English rule and English customs were now established in the Punjab, I advised the Durbar to suspend judgment till they had enquired more fully into the matter.

3rd February.

1. Sirdar Shumshere Singh had a *khillat* conferred on him previous to his departure for Bunnoo.

2. Sirdar Kan Singh, Majeethia, reports having effected a complete reconciliation between Sirdars Lehna Singh and Runjore Singh at Umritsir. The Durbar loudly praise him for having accomplished so desirable a termination of the family quarrel.

3. The Mooltan Akhbar reports that Shere Mahomed Khan, ex-Amir of Scinde, is now at a place 35 *mas* from Mooltan. Some time ago he addressed General Sir John Littler and forwarded him a letter which he had received from the Governor of Scinde. Sir John Littler referred the matter to me, and as the Khan appeared to be in great distress, I wrote and invited him to Lahore with a promise that I would endeavour to get him an allowance, or failing that would allow him to return in safety whence he came. I again addressed him yesterday.

4th February.

1. Last night Biksheesh Singh, calling himself Koonwur or Prince, who was an adopted son and minion of Maharajah Shere Singh, celebrated his marriage with the daughter of a zemindar with extravagant pomp and ceremony, fireworks, etc.

2. It appeared in the course of business in the Durbar to-day that the Maharajah expends seven thousand *bodhies* a day, equal to 7 annas each, equal to Rupees 3,062 annas 8 per diem.

3. General Kan Singh, Commanding the Force in Huzara, is ordered to give a third of his men furlough when he reaches Rhotas and deposit their accoutrements in the Fort there: this is on my suggestion to give one-third of the men at a time leave instead as of old allowing whole Regiments to go bodily off to their homes at a time.

5th February.

1. This morning the 38th L. I. Regiment was inspected by Major-General Sir John Littler, and the Maharajah happening to see them sent 1,100 rupees to buy sweetmeats for the sepoys. I should have been glad to return the present; but Dewan Deena Nath so pressed its acceptance that, at the suggestion of Sir John Littler, it was distributed in sweetmeats among the sepoys of the whole garrison. The Durbar was requested not again to allow of such gifts.

2. More complaints of cow-killing in the Provinces.

3. *Perwannahs* issued to the zemindars of Bunnoo to pay up their arrears of revenue to Sirdar Shumshere Singh, Sindhanwallah, despatched for that purpose.

4. Several ladies visited the Palace this morning and were kindly received by the Ranee, who presented them with necklaces, bracelets, &c., which I caused to be returned.

5. Sirdar Lehna Singh announces to the Durbar his approach to Lahore and expresses great anxiety to be received with a salute. The Sirdars laugh among themselves and ask "What country Lehna Singh has been conquering?" The salute was nevertheless ordered, and the incident is very illustrative of the feelings entertained by the Khalsa towards one of the most respectable but least courageous of their chiefs.

6. The Huzara Akhbar reports the arrival of Lieutenant Lumsden and General Kan Singh's force at Hurkhabengurh. Some crown jewels are discovered in possession of a goldsmith of Pind Dadun Khan. Enquiry is ordered to be made as to how they were abstracted from the Toshakhanah.

6th February.

1. Sirdars Mungul Singh and Bughwan Singh and General Ram Singh went out to give the *istikhbar* to Sirdar Lehna Singh and conducted him to his own house at Nao Lukka, where Sirdar Tej Singh, Dewan Deena Nath, and others, went out to visit him. The meeting seems to have been interesting, and naturally led to a review of all that had taken place in the Punjab since the Sirdar's departure. Lehna Singh frankly acknowledged that his motives for going on a pilgrimage to Hindustan were more prudential than religious. Dewan Deena Nath commended the ability he displayed in not only getting away himself but his property also. The campaign on the Sutlej, the generosity of the British in the hour of victory, the wilfulness and selfishness of Rajah Lall Singh, the new Treaty, were all in turn discussed.

2. More complaints of cow-killing in the Provinces.

3. General Mehtab Singh writes from Peshawur to complain of the hardship of being put under the command of General Golab Singh, Pohoovindeeah. The Durbar in reply tell him to do as he is ordered. Mehtab Singh is one of the revolutionary Generals and his unquiet spirit ill-abides the return of peace and law to the Punjab.

4. Sirdar Lehna Singh came for the first time to Durbar and presented *sarwarahs* and *uzzars* to the Maharajah and Maharanee: the latter detailed to the Sirdar all the revolutions he had so prudently escaped, and enquired all the particulars of his reconciliation with his brother.

5. The Residency party attended Durbar; the departure of Sirdar Shumshere Singh and others for Bunnoo; the *jagirs* of Khoshal Singh, Akalee; the discount allowed to Dewan Moodraj on his remittances; some petty disturbances in the town of Umritsir; the scarcity of builders for the Anarkullee cantonment; the appointment of Sirdar Golab Singh, Attareewallah, to be Nazim of Peshawur instead of his brother Awtar Singh, etc., were discussed.

6. The Rance being in the habit of sending irregular drafts written by her own Moonishees upon the Treasury, seven officers are appointed to write orders on the Treasurer, who is instructed to honor no other drafts whatever.

7. Rupees 50,000 issued to the cavalry force in part of pay.

7th February.

1. Mool Singh (Vakeel of Sirdar Tej Singh) complains in the Durbar that he hears from Mistr Meg Raj that the Rance has expended in the course of two months Rupees 70,000 and wants to know when Her Highness' allowance is to begin. The question is very much to the point and shall have my attention without delay.

2. Sirdar Tej Singh informs the Durbar that he has discovered a conspiracy to kill him, the conspirators being a man named Preymah, an old retainer of Maharajah Golab Singh; Lall Singh, Adaluttee (who was on a former occasion sent on a secret mission to Ferozepore to buy over the British sepoy); a Colonel Uttur Singh, etc., etc. Upon this several others present in the Durbar acknowledged that they had heard similar reports. Sirdar Tej Singh says he never slept all night in consequence. Part of the reported conspiracy was to bribe or destroy the British Garrison. After taking the evidence of his informants the Sirdar in the evening sent orderlies to arrest the suspected parties, but found that they had disappeared. Orders were sent to the Kotwal to search for them in every direction. Kazee Mohkum-oo-deen being interrogated as to what he knows of Preymah says he is a very bad character and was long ago discharged by Maharajah Golab Singh. From what I can gather Sirdar Tej Singh seems to be unnecessarily alarming himself. Some incendiaries however seem to have been lately more than usually active.

VISITS PAID AND RECEIVED.

1st February.

Mool Singh, Vakeel of Sirdar Tej Singh, and Sheikh Kham-oo-deen, Vakeel of Sirdar Shere Singh—on Durbar affairs.

Lalla Asa Nund, Vakeel of Nazim of Mooltan—to report that 4 lakhs of rupees had arrived and complain of Jhung authorities.

Alijah Gholam Surwar Khan, son of Haidoolah Khan, and Mahomed Khan, Vakeel, and Alijah Gholam Kasim Khan, son of Ashik Mahomed Khan, with Tuhram, Vakeel; Alijah Shah Nuwaz Khan, cousin of Mahomed Paindah Khan, with Oochah Ram, Vakeel of Mahomed Paindah Khan, and Kaila Khan, son-in-law of Ashik Mahomed Khan, *jagirdars* of Tank—to complain of Futeh Khan, Towanah, and to offer their services.

Dewan Kedar Nath and Dewan Shunker Dass, Motmid of Dewan Deena Nath, with *jagees* papers from revenue officers—to wait on Mr. Cocks.

Fakeer Noor-oo-deen—to talk confidentially and give warnings.

Sirdar Uttur Singh—Kalawallah, to receive a *khillat* due for Kangra and report discharges of Irregular Horse.

Kazee Mohikum-oo-deen, Vakeel of Maharajah Golab Singh—with *khireets* from His Highness.

Baboo Pandah of the Durbar—to get a *khillat*.

Baba Luchman Singh, Motmid of Sirdar Lehna Singh—to say his master is at hand.

Ishur Dass, Vakeel of Sirdar Khoosheel Singh, Kotgurbia—to intercede for his master's *jagier*.

Blaee Ameer Buksh, Usher of the Palace—to receive instructions as to his duties and extent of authority in the Palace.

2nd February.

Sirdar Tej Singh; Sirdar Shere Singh; Uttur Singh, Kalawallah; Dewan Deena Nath; Fakeer Noor-oo-deen; Bhaee Nidhan Singh; Sirdar Shumshere Singh; Sirdar Kirpal Singh; Sheikh Emam-oo-deen; Sirdar Kan Singh, Nakace; Dewan Hakim Raee; Sirdar Keher Singh, Sindhanwallah; Sirdar Mungul Singh; Futeh Khan, Towanah; General Ram Singh; Sirdar Hurdut Singh, Puthancea; Fakeer Taj-oo-deen; Dewan Jowahir Mull; Sirdar Goordut Singh; Sirdar Jhunda Singh; Mier Saheb Decal; Radha Kishun, son of Pundit Mudoodun; Mier Meg Raj; Khoosheel Singh, Akafia; Rajah Fuzl Dad Khan of Rhotas; Fakeer Chiragh-oo-deen; Sirdar Partab Singh, Mohuns; Dewan Kedar Nath; Asa Nund,

Vakeel of Mooltan ; Mourul Singh, Vakeel of Shere Mahomed Khan of Scinde, and others by invitation—to talk generally. The Council afterwards discussed Durbar matters, *jageers*, etc.

3rd February.

Sirdar Shumshere Singh ; Gunda Singh, Vakeel of ditto ; Gholam Mohee-oo-deen Shah, Vakeel of Sirdar Keher Singh ; Sirdar Nidhan Singh, Sindhanwalla ; Ruttun Singh, Vakeel of ditto—to talk on their affairs.

Misr Ram Dass, son of Misr Belee Ram—for ditto.

Dewan Jodha Ram—for ditto, and to tell that Colonel Gardner had cut off his nose, ears, and thumb of right hand.

Kazee Mohkum-oo-deen, Vakeel of Jummoo—with Cashmere news.

Mirza Mahomed Tukkee, Vakeel of Candahar—about his own affairs.

Mool Singh, Vakeel of Sirdar Tej Singh—on Durbar affairs.

Radha Kishun, Vakeel of Bhawalpore, and Chunder Bhan ditto—about respective masters' business.

4th February.

Sirdar Sultan Mahomed Khan, Barukzye—to take leave previous to going to Wuzerabad, *en eventual route* to Peshawur.

Fakeer Noor-oo-deen—to give advice.

Syud Moortiza Shah—with Cabool prisoners.

Dewan Hakim Rai—about his affairs.

General Chutter Singh—to answer appeal of Dewan Jodha Ram, who says he has his plundered property.

Dewan Jodha Ram—to prefer charges against General Chutter Singh.

5th February.

Dewan Deena Nath—to explain Futteh Khan Towanah's accounts and prove him a defaulter to the amount of about 7 lakhs.

Misr Ameer Chund, cousin of Lal Singh—to talk of his own affairs and his recent charge.

Nuwab Sirfiraz Khan of Mooltan, with Ahmed Ullly Khan and Akbar Ullly Khan, his sons, and Abdool Mahomed Khan and Jahangeer Khan and Kasim Ullly Khan, his connexions, and Syud Ahmed and Dewan Hakim Shah, Vakeels—visit of ceremony.

Kazee Mohkum-oo-deen, Vakeel of Jummoo—with Huzara intelligence and to bring Meean Ishree Singh to pay his respects.

Meean Ishree Singh and the cousin of Jugurh Singh, Noorpoorwallah, connexions of Maharajah Golab Singh—to obtain Intercession in Jullunder for them.

Rajah Shere Andaz Khan, Poonuchwallah; Rajah Fyz Tulub Khan, Bhimburwallah, and Mahomed Khan ditto; Rajah Shere Baz Khan, Meerpoorwallah; Raja Fuzl Dad Khan, Kurhywallah; Hafiz Khan, Kushlaee-wallah; Rajahs Akbar Ullly Khan, Roushun Khan, and Lungar Khan of Rhotas; Hashim Ullly Khan, Narwallah; Rajahs Jeymul Singh, Zorawur Singh, and Dilawur Singh of Kishtwar; Rajah Gholam Ghous of Shahpoor; Meean Gosawun of Rihassee; Rajah Rugbur Deo of Jummoo; Rajah Ootar Singh, Bhuddoowallah; Rajah Poorub Singh, Bissooleewalla; Rajah Jeydhur Deo of Ram Nuggur; Meean Ishree Singh of Noorpoor—on their respective claims. Dispute between Kishtwar brothers discussed. Rajah Fyz Tulub of Bhimbur shewed five *permanahs* of Rajah Lall Singh of last July and August, telling him to enlist troops.

6th February.

Mool Singh, Vakeel of Sirdar Tej Singh, and Mungla Lall, Moonshce of Rai Kishun Chund—on Durbar affairs.

Kazee Mohkum-oo-deen, Vakeel of Jummoo—on Huzara affairs.

Moorul Singh, Vakeel of Shere Mahomed Khan of Scinde—to say his master is at hand.

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Political Diary of the Agent, Governor-General, North-West Frontier, and Resident at Lahore, from the 8th February to the 14th February 1847.

SUMMARY OF PUNJAB INTELLIGENCE.

8th February.

1. This day the chief Sirdars assembled at Sirdar Tej Singh's house and examined witnesses in the case of the conspiracy against that Sirdar's life. From parts of the evidence it appeared that the Ranee had been in the habit of having private interviews lately with Preymah, the person against whom suspicion is chiefly entertained; and after the examination above alluded to, Sirdar Tej Singh waited on Her Highness, and under cover of inquiring "what fault he had committed that her *servants* conspired against him," appears to have hinted pretty plainly his belief that she was the instigator of the plot. The Ranee was very angry and a scene of mutual recrimination ensued, ending in the Sirdar declaring that he should leave the Punjab whenever the British Resident did so.

2. Shalimar Bagh being in a very ruinous condition is made over to the care of Fakcer Noor-oo-deen.

3. Sirdar Golab Singh, Attareewallah, reports his arrival at Rawul Pindi with General Kan Singh's force and Lieutenant Lumaden. In reply the Durbar directed him to appear at Lahore and receive the thanks of the Maharajah, after which he should be sent to relieve his brother Awtar Singh in the Nizamut of Peshawar.

4. The Ranee desired Ametr Buksh, the Palace Door-keeper, and Sirdar Jewun Singh, her own private Treasurer, to wait upon me and disown all knowledge of the conspiracy. This was in consequence of the interview she had previously had with Sirdar Tej Singh. Ametr Buksh brought with him a paper dictated by the Ranee lest he should forget his message.

9th February.

1. Rajah Ruttun Seyn, Mundeewallah; Shahzad Singh of Bundelkum; Koochhal Pundit; Colonel Baboo Pandah, and others, were sent up to the Residency for formal examination in the conspiracy case. It

appeared that meetings of the chief instigators of the plot had been held at a *tukra* of a *hyraghee*, and I ordered his arrest. From the depositions taken it was proved that Shahzad Singh with two of his servants had two or three times met Preymah at the *hyraghee's*, and there talked with him as to some wild scheme of Preymah's to overturn the present Government. The *hyraghee* was evidently cognizant of all, though it was with difficulty a word could be wrung from him. Shahzad Singh reported to the Durbar his interviews, but appears to have done so after he had ascertained that no men of influence were concerned.

2. Sirdar Runjore Singh inquired from the Durbar up to what date he should take up old cases that are brought before him in the *adalat*? The Durbar replied: "All of Jowahir Singh's and Lall Singh's time, that being the period when neither law nor justice was in existence." This is much in accordance with my own wishes. I am preparing a few notes for his guidance.

3. Rupees 50,000 instalment of revenue arrived from Dera Ismael Khan.

4. Durbar at the Residency; the customs dues on timber at the ferry of Julalah; the claims of Fuzl Dad Khan, ex-Rajah of Rhotas, &c., were discussed. At the close of the interview, when none but the Council and a few chief Sirdars remained, the conspiracy against Sirdar Tej Singh was considered, and the share in it attributed to the Ranee and Sirdar Shumshere Singh, Sindhanwallah. Sirdar Uttar Singh, Kalawallah, declared that the Ranee had now in her possession 2,000 bracelets and 4,000 necklaces of gold which she had got from the Toshakhanah two days ago for the purpose of rewarding the conspirators. I instructed Dewan Deena Nath and Sirdar Tej Singh to take measures quietly but rapidly for finding out the truth of this accusation.

5. Sirdar Shere Singh reported that Ursula Khan, Kandeewallah, has at length come in from the Yooseofzye country and submitted himself to Sirdar Awtar Singh at Peshawur.

6. The Ranee declares that the Sirdars are all in a conspiracy against her and her favourites. It would be more true to say that she and her favourites are in a conspiracy against the quiet and good order of the State. She is evidently alarmed at the result to herself of the investigation now going on, and directed Pundit Radha Kishun to consul

the Shasters and inform her if I were well or ill-disposed towards her! The cautious Pundit gave a Delphic response: "that the Resident was the incarnation of justice!"

10th February.

1. Sultan Mahomed Khan wishes the Durbar to let him go to Peshawur and states that the Resident had given him permission a week ago. Sirdar Tej Singh always privately warns me to beware of him, but never speaks out in public.

2. The Durbar invite Sirdar Kan Singh, Kohareeah, to betray the secrets of his relative Rajah Lall Singh as to his *jageer* at Rhotas and Sangohyan, his cannon foundry, etc. The Sirdar promises to reveal all in private. It is quite true that nine guns were cast at Sangohyan during last year as suspected at the time.

3. The Council ask the Rance to tell them where Preymah and Lall Singh, Adaltee, are that they may arrest them. The Rance declares she knows nothing whatever about them.

4. The Maharajah, Rance and chief Sirdars pay a visit to the Sumadhs of Maharajah Runjeet Singh and Khurruk Singh and make offerings. Fakeer Noor-oo-deen was ordered to lose no time in completing these tombs.

5. General Hursookh Rai has the impertinence to apply for a new appointment.

6. Sirdar Tej Singh is surprised at my thinking so little of the conspiracy, he himself being convinced that nothing but his own energetic measures saved Lahore from a convulsion.

11th February.

1. Last night a Cashmeeree jeweller was working at his trade with his door shut. Three Sepoys called to him to give them a light. The door being opened, they attacked him with swords and carried off property worth 1,500 rupees.

2. A dak has been laid between Lahore and Bannoo.

3. Hursookh Rai has a *jageer* of 1,440 rupees given him instead of his allowance of Rupees 4 a day.

4. Sirdar Lall Singh, Morarceah, complained that his brother Mehtab Singh had got no *khillat* on his starting for Bunnoo Tank. He was informed that it was not the custom to give *khillats* to Colonels.

5. Hyat, Cashmeerée, and Purisram are imprisoned on suspicion of knowing more than they choose to reveal of the conspiracy. Hyat is a notorious character.

6. Sirdar Shumshere Singh, Sindhanwallah, congratulates himself on being sent to Bunnoo Tank, as he says if he had remained longer at Lahore, the Sirdars would have worked his ruin by false accusations.

12th February.

1. The Maharajah with his mother proceed early in the morning to hear the Grunthi read.

2. Sirdar Shumshere Singh, Sindhanwallah, represents to Her Highness that his name has been taken by some ill-disposed persons as one of the conspirators. He begs most distinctly to deny the truth of the allegation. The Rance observes to Sirdar Tej Singh and Dewan Deena Nath that to exaggerate an affair of no importance in the way they had done was absurd. She was told in reply that to allow the culprits to escape punishment would be the worst policy possible.

3. Orders are issued to keep each prisoner separate.

4. Sirdar Shumshere Singh having expressed a desire to remain at Lahore for the purpose of exculpating himself from the suspicion attached to him, Her Highness replies that he ought in obedience to orders to proceed at once to his destination.

5. Sirdar Tej Singh issues an order to the zemindars of Topoor to produce Lall Singh, Adaluttee.

6. Sheikh Émam-oo-deen is told that he is on no account to realize the revenue of *ilakah* Surrukpoor.

7. 40,000 rupees are distributed amongst the Cavalry.

8. It was reported in the Akhbare that a reconciliation has taken place between the two brothers Sirdars Lehna Singh and Runjore Singh; but the fact is that as little good-will as ever is felt by either party. Runjore Singh has however submitted.

9. The Ranee observes that she had expressed her disapprobation of Preymah being allowed to come to the Durbar. Dewan Deena Nath acknowledged the truth of the remark, and Sirdar Tej Singh said it was lucky that the scoundrel had escaped, as he was determined to have him punished in the most exemplary manner.

10. The principal Sirdars pay me a visit in the afternoon at the Shalimar Gardens, where I had invited the officers of the Garrison to spend the day.

11. The Ranee issues orders not to allow the visits of strangers.

13th February.

1. A shroff by name Dala represents that he had been plundered of 4,000 rupees. The Ranee remarks that since the arrival of the British in Lahore, insecurity as regards life and property had considerably increased and that Khoda Buksh, Kotwal, was very negligent in the discharge of his duty. Orders were issued to him to be more alert.

2. Dewan Deena Nath suggests that as the Resident considers Jodha Ram had been punished without proof, a *jagier* of 500 rupees should be made over to him by way of compensation and charity. Orders are issued to this effect. This is the Brahmīn whose nose, ears, and right thumb were cut off by Colonel Gardner. I strongly recommended that all *jagiers* held by him previous to late convulsions should be restored as some reparation for the gross oppression he suffered.

3. The Maharajah accompanied by myself and other officers proceed to the review of H. M.'s 10th Regiment. His Highness was so pleased with it that he ordered 2,500 rupees to be given to the men. Sir J. Littler's permission was obtained, but I have told the Durbar that no more gifts are to be made to the Troops, European or Native.

4. Three robberies are reported to have been committed in the city and environs last night, and some Sepoys are suspected.

5. Durbar held at the Palace, two French gentlemen and two Dutch officers accompanying me, and to these presents of trifling value were given. Accompanied by the Council and my Assistants, I had an interview with the Ranee at her request. Her Highness alluded to the reports which had been generally spread implicating her in the

conspiracy; expressed her perfect confidence in me and her satisfaction, both on her own account and her son's, in having British Troops in the garrison; her desire that Praymah might be banished; and her anxiety not to incur my bad opinion, and ended in requesting she might be allowed to receive her friends. I replied that it was our wish to consult her convenience as much as was consistent with our duty towards Her Highness and the State, but said that from many persons having access to her, injurious reports became current, designing persons making use of her name to carry out their objects, and advised her to limit the number of her visitors to her immediate attendants.

6. The Residency Party with the foreign visitors proceed to the residences of Sirdars Tej Singh and Lehna Singh, and *nuzours* of horses and other trifles, are at the earnest desire of the Sirdars accepted. We afterwards go to the Delhi Gate for the purpose of inspecting some Sikh Infantry and Artillery; and then visited Sirdar Lehna Singh at his house.

7. The widow of the late Maharajah Shere Singh, at the instigation of Jhunda Singh and Dewan Bussa, declines the proposed allowance of 10 rupees a day for her son Sib Deo.

8. Lieutenant Edwardes leaves for Bunnoo Tank.

14th February.

1. The Ranee to lighten the burthen from her oppressed spirits distributes amongst Brahmins Rupees 550.

2. Letters are received from the slave-girl Mungla and Bussunt Ram, asking if the Ranee would like them to send any articles manufactured at the different cities they were visiting.

3. Her Highness is informed by another slave-girl, Manjee, of an altercation having taken place between the principal Sirdars and Mir Sahab Deval and Baboo Pandah—and of the latter officer's reluctance to proceed to Bunnoo Tank. The Ranee replies that such subjects were nothing to her: the Council must manage for themselves.

4. Sirdar Jewun Singh asks if Her Highness feels inclined to hear some extracts from a Delhi newspaper to which he subscribes. He is told that she has neither time nor inclination for such employment, her only object being to remove the suspicion attached to her and to secure the approbation of the Resident.

5. Hordyal, Jemadar, represents that Motee Bhyah had gone to the *ilalah* of Nurwul for the purpose of obtaining the jewels belonging to Mungul Singh's mother, and that Mungul Singh had despatched 30 sowars against him.

6. Munglee Lall, the Vakeel of Rai Kishen Chund, applies for the Chouda district for his client: orders on the subject are accordingly issued.

7. Major G. Lawrence's early presence being required at Peshawur, I have at his and Mr. Agnew's suggestion authorized the latter gentleman to remain in Huzara for the present, pending the orders of Government. At present everything is quiet in Huzara, but Mr. Agnew and Lieutenant Lumaden doubt the stability of present arrangements. A special report will be made on the subject.

8. On the 13th Sher Mahomed, Scindee, visited me, when I promised to apply to Government for a maintenance for him.

9. Maharajah Golab Singh has released 800 rent-free holdings in Cashmere, but Lieutenant Nicholson and my news-writers consider that he is doing so very much against his will. The Maharajah affects to be making great exertions to pay up the balance of his second instalment and is offering to borrow money in the Punjab for the purpose. The Vakeel with me also begs that delay may be allowed when any interest required will be paid. I fear that this is all pretence and believe that the Maharajah has ample funds to pay the balance at once, but that he wishes to impress on Government that he is poor.

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VISITS PAID AND RECEIVED.

2th February.

Ajub Singh, Vakeel of Sirdar Runjore Singh, and Baba Luchmun Singh, Motmid of Sirdar Lehna Singh, Majeethia—on their masters' affairs. Syud Moortuza Shah of Cabool—about Cabool prisoners. Sirdar Lehna Singh, Majeethia; Sirdar Amur Singh; Sirdar Kanh Singh; Sirdar Runjore Singh; General Golab Singh; and Chowdree Gholam Mohceooddeen—visit of ceremony.

Gholam Kasim Khan; Gholam Surwur Khan; Kullay Khan; Shah Nowaz Khan; Dukah Khan, cousin of the late Hubceeb Khan; Shah

Nuwar Khan, son of ditto; Lalah Ocheram, Vakéel of Mohummud Painsah Khan, Jageerdars of Tank—to complain of Futeh Khan Towannah. Kazeer Mohkumdeen, Vakéel of Maharajah Golab Singh—on Maharajah Golab Singh's affairs.

Sirdar Shere Singh; Sirdar Uttur Singh, Kalahwalah; Sirdar Bheem-na Singh, Orderly of the Palace; Dewan Deena Nath; and Mool Singh, Vakéel of Sirdar Tej Singh—on Darbar affairs and about conspiracy.

9th February.

Sirdar Runjore Singh and Ajub Singh, Vakéel of ditto—his own affairs and those of the *adalat*. Sirdar Tej Singh; Sirdar Shere Singh; Sirdar Uttur Singh; Dewan Deena Nath; Fakeer Noorooddeen; Sirdar Ram Singh, Jullawalah; Mir Sahib Dyal; Sheikh Imamooddeen; Dewan Hakim Race; Mir Ram Das; Sirdar Hurdut Singh; Sirdar Kanh Singh-Nukace; Futeh Khan of Kusoor; Futeh Khan, Towannah; Bukshée Bhugut Ram; Fakeer Jumalooddeen; Bhace Nidhan Singh; Jeewun Singh of the Toshakhana; Dewan Busakha Singh; Baba Umur Singh; Sirdar Singh, son of Baba Meen Singh—public Darbar.

10th February.

Fakeer Noorooddeen; Baba Luchmun Singh, Motulid of Sirdar Lehna Singh; Lalah Gunesb Das, Vakéel of Sirdar Uttur Singh, Kalahwalah; General Ram Singh, Putus Ram, Bog; Sirdar Lehna Singh, Majeethia; Mool Singh, Vakéel of Sirdar Tej Singh; Kazeer Mohkumdeen, Vakéel of Maharajah Golab Singh—public Darbar.

11th February.

Sudanund, Vakéel of Sheikh Imamooddeen—on master's affairs and to ask for interview. Mool Singh, Vakéel of Sirdar Tej Singh—to talk of conspiracy.

12th February.

Sirdar Tej Singh; Sirdar Shere Singh; Sirdar Lehna Singh, Majeethia; Sirdar Uttur Singh; Dewan Deena Nath; Fakeer Noorooddeen; Bukshée Bhugut Ram; Sheikh Imamooddeen; Dewan Hakim Race; Sirdar Hurdut Singh; Futeh Khan, Towannah; Fakeer Jumalooddeen; Bhace Nidhan Singh; Bhace Oomra, Door-keeper of the Palace; Mool Singh, Vakéel of Sirdar Tej Singh; Sirdar Runjore Singh, Majeethia—at party in Shalimar garden.

13th February.

Mool Singh, Vakeel of Sirdar Tej Singh; Imamooddeen, Vakeel of Sirdar Shere Singh; Sudanund, Vakeel of Nuwab of Mooltan—on master's affairs. Sirdar Shumshere Singh; Fakeer Noorooddeen—to take us to Durbar. Shere Mahomed Khan, ex-Ameer of Scinde; a Nuwab with Futteh Khan, Talur; Jafir Khan, Murree; and Bhurul Singh, Vakeel of the ex-Ameer—to wait on me on his arrival by invitation at Lahore.

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Political Diary of the Agent, Governor-General, North-West Frontier, and Resident at Lahore, from the 15th to the 20th February 1847.

SUMMARY OF PUNJAB INTELLIGENCE.

15th February.

1. The Rancee distributes in charity to Brahmins 350 silver and 20 golden *hoodies* besides other property.

2. At Tej Singh's residence, Sirdar Shere Singh, Attareewalah, and Futteh Khan, Towanah, enter on the subject of the latter's claim to be paid off his alleged expenditure incurred in raising and keeping up 5,000 troops, horse and foot, in the expedition against Peshorah Singh. Sirdar Tej Singh very properly objects on the grounds of there being no record of the same. After this the three Sirdars have a private confab together.

3. The body of the child reported some days ago as missing is discovered with marks of strangulation on its throat. In this case, as well as in the general discharge of his duties lately, the Kotwal is represented as having been guilty of negligence.

4. News is received of the death of Mahomed Akbar Khan, said to have been caused by fever.

5. The Rancee issues orders to the effect that butchers and others are to abstain from slaughtering any animals on certain days, five in number, during each month.

6. The cattle and effects of Rajah Lall Singh are made over to the charge of Ameer Chund, Moonahlee.

7. Orders are issued to reduce the number of Cavalry to that settled by the late Treaty.

8. Report is received of the army with Lieutenant Edwardes having crossed the Chenab, and General Cortlandt is directed to put himself under that officer's orders.

9. A slight difference of opinion is expressed between Sirdar Tej Singh and Dewan Deena Nath as to the expediency of appointing an extra writer in the Toshakhana.

16th February.

1. The Maharajah and his mother in the morning give alms to the Brahmins and hear the Granth read. Her Highness desires Bhyah Ameer Buksh to obtain my permission for her to pay a visit to the Shallmar Gardens.

2. After hearing some offers from different persons for the Kardarship of *Ilahah* Goojranwallah, it is made over to Dya Ram, Shroff, at a revenue of Rupees 19,000, and Kewul Ram is sent as Salt Agent to Umritsur.

3. Instructions are issued to the Kardars not to interfere in any way with the *jaagir* of Shums-oo-deen Khan, granted to him for faithful services.

4. In consequence of the continued bad health (or rather intemperance) of Fakcer Chirag-oo-deen, Mungia Lall is made Vakeel in his place.

5. Bukhishee Bhuggut Ram is instructed to retain the arms and to pay up all arrears of pay of soldiers obtaining leave of absence.

6. The Sirdars Tej Singh and Shere Singh on one side and Dewan Deena Nath and Fakcer Noor-oo-deen on the other have a discussion as to the propriety of dismissing the door-keeper Bhace Ameer Buksh from his situation. The former are in favour of the measure and the latter are against it. Shere Singh has strenuously urged on me the necessity of the measure during the last two months.

7. Darbar at the Residency when we discussed—(1) The unnecessary expenditure of the Maharajah and the Ranees; she will in a short time be limited to the allowance granted her by the Treaty: (2) The Council seem to think the news of Akbar Khan's death is correct: (3) The new Police arrangements for the city: (4) The necessity of making some arrangement so as in future to prevent the necessity of sending a force to Bunnoo Tank. I suggested the advisability of appointing Sirdar Lehna Singh to Umritsar and the Manjha.

8. A fair called Qaddum is held close to the city; a large concourse; but everything goes off quietly.

17th February.

1. Sirdar Bishien Singh receives his appointment as Jemadar of the *deorah*, *vice* Bhayah Ameer Buksh. He is directed to report daily through Nahur Singh to Sirdar Shere Singh, and is invested with a *khilut*. This is the proceeding of Sirdar Shere Singh himself. Dewan Doona Nath and the other members of Council had nothing to say to it. I was not even consulted. Shere Singh's excuse is that the step is necessary for the security of the Fort.

2. Durya Khan is reported to have made his escape from the Fort of Govindgarh. It is attributed to connivance on the part of Sirmookh Singh, Killadar, who is directed to present himself before the Darbar. Sirdar Tej Singh informs Sirdar Sultan Mahomed Khan of the news at which the Khan expresses his astonishment.

3. Gunput Rai is instructed to hasten the despatch of stores and ammunition to the army proceeding to Bunnoo Tank, which had left without.

4. Khurram Singh, a son of Maharajah Shere Singh, is betrothed to the daughter of Uibhal Singh and niece of Dhyaal Singh of Jul-lunder.

5. Fakeer Noor-oo-deen expresses his annoyance at the dismissal of his nephew Chiragh-ro-deen and his surprise at his not being informed of the same. Sirdar Tej Singh comforts him with the remark that when his health shall be completely re-established, his re-instatement will be arranged.

6. Sirdar Lehna Singh mentions my proposal for him to take charge of Umritsur-cum-Govindghur, &c., but declines the honor, unless the districts of Sujhan Poorah and Puthan Kote are added. Dewan Deena Nath suggests that the Sirdar ought to recall his family from Benares, if he seriously intends remaining for any time in the Punjab. He certainly ought.

7. Bhaun Singh, Commandant of Cavalry, remonstrates against the reduction which has lately been made in his branch of the service.

8. Sirdar Shere Singh is entrusted with the management of the villages surrounding the city, the revenue of which amounts to Rupees 25,000. Sirdar Tej Singh expresses his objection to this arrangement and displays a degree of jealousy at it.

9. Sirdar Shumshere Singh and the Superintendent of Dera Ismael Khan are enjoined to lose no time in making a speedy arrangement of the affairs of Bunnoo Tank, so as to avoid any future inconvenience in that quarter.

10. Bhyah Ameer Buksh, together with Sirdar Jewun Singh and Moonshoe Loh Singh (*sen*), forego the pleasure of visiting the Rancee to-day in compliance with the supposed orders of the Council.

18th February.

1. The Bhyah Ameer Buksh complains to Her Highness of Shere Singh's having dismissed him from her presence and from his appointment which he has held since the days of Runjeet Singh. The Rancee is very irate and threatens to complain of the Sirdar's ungallant treatment. The Sirdar consults with Tej Singh on the subject, and at length it is decided that the Bhyah is to have charge of the inner and Bisben Singh of the outer door (*doorree*).

2. Sirdar Tej Singh expatiates on the beauty of fraternal love, referring particularly to Sirdars Lehna Singh and Runjore Singh, whose reconciliation is known to be hollow and insincere.

3. Fakeer Noor-oo-deen is instructed to comply with all requisitions made by the British Executive Officer, without referring each case to the Council, as he has been doing lately with regard to razing the walls of Poree Muhul.

19th February.

1. Sirdar Shere Singh paid me a visit himself and Sirdar Tej Singh sent a Vakeel to discuss the *deorah* case. I spoke to Shere Singh freely with regard to his exceeding his authority.

2. Some arrangements are concluded regarding the formation of a better Police system, and an establishment has been settled at an increased monthly expenditure of Rupees 35.

3. Sirdar Tej Singh congratulates Sirdar Lehna Singh on the probability of his being reinstated in his former position at Umritsur, and expatiates on the advantages of brotherly love.

4. Sooruth Singh, Commandant of Cavalry, is directed to present himself at Durbar to answer the accusations of Sooruj Bhaun (lately appointed to superintend the Police arrangements on the high road from Lahore) to the effect that he and his Sowars are in the habit of oppressing the zemindars.

5. Fakcer Noor-oo-deen is directed to erect a Moosafir Khana outside the walls of the city.

6. Mier Ameer Chund recommends a more exact register to be kept of all *mansurs* given by zemindars to the State, in order to put a stop to false complaints (the said Mier having been called upon to account for a number of presents made to himself).

7. The Ranee expresses her displeasure at the imprisonment of the zemindars of Tologee on a charge of concealing Lall Singh, Adaltee, for whose appearance they had become securities.

8. Dewan Deena Nath complains of Maharajah Golab Singh confiscating the property belonging to the family of Jullah Mier.

9. Sirdar Jhunda Singh remains with Her Highness the Ranee for four or five hours during the night.

20th February.

1. Her Highness shows an example of humility and generosity, washing the feet of 50 Brahminers, and afterwards presenting each of them with a dress of honor besides other gifts.

2. Dewan Deema Nath after a lengthened enquiry concludes a summary revenue settlement of Suchalee and enjoins punctuality in its payment.

3. Sirdar Shumshere Singh, Sindhanwallah, reports the unpopularity of Saen Dass, Moolra Singh's brother, he having been lately appointed to the charge of the Mallah District.

4. Some merchants of Nimuk Mundeer complain against the late imposition of duties fixed by Dewan Moolraj, said to have been directed by Rajah Gulab Singh. Hakim Rai also complains of Moolraj's want of principle.

5. The Council discuss the propriety of dismissing the Killadar of Govindghur from his office for having allowed Darya Khan to escape.

6. Information is received this afternoon of a serious dacoity having occurred at Satguri, in which 1,000 head of cattle are carried off and 17 men stationed at that place killed. Dewan Moolraj is strongly suspected of having instigated it and orders are issued for him to afford immediate restitution. Dewan Hakim Rai's opinion of the matter is also required.

7. Batta at the following rate is ordered to the army, proceeding to Hunnoo Tank:—General 100 rupees; Commandant 30; Colonel 60; Sergeant 2-4; Nalb 2; and Sepoy 1-8. The Cavalry in the same proportion.

8. Some Sepoys of our army are said to be in the habit of gambling, and the Police authorities are afraid to interfere. Major Macgregor however has issued the necessary orders.

9. Enclosed is copy of the Peshawur Diary from the 14th to 20th February 1847, just received.

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VISITS PAID AND RECEIVED.

15th February

Sheikh Imam-oo-deen—to talk of his own affairs.

Futteh Khan, Towanali—ditto, and to beg me to help him, to a settlement of his accounts.

Kazee Mohkum-oo-deen; Jummoo Vakeel; Baba Luchmun Singh, Motbir of Sirdar Lehna Singh; Bhurul Singh, Vakeel of Shere Mahomed Khan, Scindee; Dewan Kidar Nath, brother of Deena Nath—to talk on business.

Lalla Shunker Nath, Motmid of Dewan Deena Nath—with *jagier* papers.

16th February.

Sirdar Tej Singh; Sirdar Shere Singh; Dewan Deena Nath; Sirdar Uttur Singh; Bhaze Nidhan Singh; Fakcer Noor-oo-deen; Sirdar Lal Singh; Bukhshee Bhuggut Ram; Futteh Khan, Noon; Sirdar Kanh Singh, Majeethia; Sirdar Goordut Singh, Molwae; Jufal Khan, Bhuttee; Baba Luchmun Singh; Futteh Khan, Towanah; Sirdar Kanh Singh, Nakace; Mier Ram Kishen; Sheikh Imam-oo-deen; Sirdar Meean Singh; Sirdar Runjore Singh; Hurdut Singh, Phudanah; Pandit Radha Kishen; Ram Singh, Chappah; Dewan Jowahir Mull; Dewan Hakim Rai; Ruttun Chund; General Sultan Mahmood; Futteh-deen; Siraj-oo-deen; Mool Singh, Vakeel of Sirdar Tej Singh; Ujub Singh, Vakeel of Sirdar Runjore Singh; Motmid Jeewun Singh, Toshakhanees; and Sheodial—public Durbar.

17th February.

Kazee Mohkum-oo-deen, Jummoo Vakeel—Huzara and Cashmere affairs.

Mirza Mahomed Hoosain, Motbir of Ameer Dost Mahomed Khan—to talk privately about his master.

18th February.

Dewan Deena Nath—to talk of Futteh Khan Towanah's affair and generally of revenue matters.

Mool Singh, Vakeel of Sirdar Tej Singh—to talk of conspirators.

Munglee Rai, Moonshee of Rai Kishan Chund—with Durbar papers.

Sirdar Lehna Singh, Majeethia—own affairs and to accept the government of Umritsur and Govindgarh, and Police charge of the Manjha country.

Bawa Luchmun Singh, Motmid of Sirdar Lehna Singh—with his master.

Bhural Singh, Vakeel of Shere Mahomed Khan, Scindee—to talk of his master.

Asa Nund, Vakeel of Mooltan—ditto.

Rajah Fuzl Dad Khan, Kurhewallah—about his own *jageer*.

Khooshyal Singh, Akalee—ditto, and to tell various matters about the Khalsa.

19th February.

Sirdar Shere Singh and his brother Tej Singh (met on the road)—to talk about the Palace, &c.

Mool Singh, Vakeel of Sirdar Tej Singh, and Imam-oo-deen, Vakeel of Sirdar Shere Singh—on Durbar business.

Kazee Mohkum-oo-deen, Jummo Vakeel—on Hill affairs.

Rajah Fyz Tulub Khan of Bhimbur; Rajah Shere Baz of Meerpore; Rajah Fuzl Dad Khan of Mungha; Rajah Shere Undaz Khan of Poonch; Rajah Futteh Singh, son of Rajah Bhooree Singh; Meean Shumshere Singh and Meean Soojeet Singh of Juarowta; Meean Heera Singh; and Meean Gosawun of Rihasse; Tikkah Gholam Ghous of Shahpoor; Meean Ulukh Deo, son of Poorub Singh of Munkote; Rajah Chund Dhar Deo of Bundraoollah; Meean Prem Singh of ditto; Rajah Rugbur Deo of Jummo; Rajah Zoorawur Singh; Jalmul Singh, and Dilawur Singh of Kishtwar; Muluk Hubeeb-oolah Khan of Shahabad in Cashmere; Ali Akbar Khan, Fuzl Dad Khan, and Shakir Khan of Rhotas; Ameer Singh, son of Etbar Singh, Meean Cashmere Singh, Bhoop Singh and Meean Pyar Singh of Bhuddoo—public Durbar, when each separately spoke of his own affairs, which were discussed before the others.

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**Political Diary of the Resident at Lahore and Agent,
Governor-General, North-West Frontier, from
the 21st to the 28th February 1847.**

SUMMARY OF PUNJAB INTELLIGENCE.

21st February.

1. Durbar at the Palace. Despatches are received from Lieutenant Edwardes from Sumgoonea. The necessity of coming to some understanding regarding the enmity between Dewan Moolraj and Hakim Rai, etc., is discussed. Sirdar Shere Singh is in low spirits owing to the unkindness of his mistress (a common prostitute), she having claimed Rupees 50,000 as a forfeit for his infidelity and refused to receive his visits. It appears the pair had made vows of eternal fidelity which the Sirdar has broken.

2. The Ranee is irate at the late arrangements in the Palace and hints at her fate resembling that of Maharanee Chund Konwur.

3. Soormookh Singh, Killadar of Govindghur, is reprimanded by the Council for his gross neglect of duty. Sirdar Tej Singh and others incline to the idea that Sultan Mahomed Khan has had something to say to the escape of the prisoner, and orders are issued to Jewun Singh, commanding at Umritsur, to make the necessary arrangements for the Fort.

4. My proposal of making the Kardar of Rawul Pindee furnish a weekly account of collections, &c., is approved of by the chief Sirdars.

5. 150 women and children belonging to H. M.'s 10th Regiment have arrived at Lahore.

6. The Maharajah and Sirdars have a game at romps in honor of the Hoolce; and His Highness carries his practical jokes to such a length that some of the Sirdars are obliged to leave.

7. The Residency party this day (as usual on Saturdays) attended Durbar. During the visit, letters arrived from Major G. Lawrence, enclosing numerous petitions from the people of the districts of Chuch and Khatir.

22nd February.

1. Sirdar Shere Singh in joining in the Hoolee frolics is nearly blinded by the red dust thrown at him, much to the amusement of the Maharajah and his courtiers.
2. Sirdar Tej Singh in boasting of his influence with me insinuates that in order to obtain the management of any district he has only to apply for it.
3. Bukhshee Umruth Rai reports that Goordut Singh's Regiments have left Peshawur for Lahore.
4. Sirdar Shere Singh after having agreed to pay a certain sum for horses purchased from a merchant declines to keep to his agreement, and on the latter remonstrating he is flogged. The Sirdar however having heard that a complaint is about to be lodged against him thinks better of it and satisfies the man's just demands.
5. Rupees 7,000 are advanced to Sultan Mahomed Khan for the expenses of his journey.
6. Rupees 15 a day are added to the allowance of Koonwurs Shiv Deo and Daiwa Singh, sons of the late Maharajah Shere Singh.
7. A *jageer* of 1,600 rupees is presented to the widow of Nao Nihal Singh and daughter of Sirdar Sham Singh, Attareewallah, by name Manja.
8. At my suggestion a *jageer* of 2,000 rupees is given to Sadhoo Singh, a Chief of Akalees in Moorareewallah, and the village of Jurwah to Khooshal Singh. Both were during last year deprived of their *jageers* by Rajah Lall Singh.
9. Dewan Moolraj is written to on the subject of paying without delay the revenue due from Mooltan.
10. A quarrel of a more serious nature than usual takes place between the brothers Sirdars Lehna Singh and Runjore Singh at the division of their patrimony.
11. Sirdar Jundha Singh in the evening pays his respects to the Raneé and remains in her society till midnight.

23rd February.

1. The Maharajah renews his Hoolee amusements ; instigated by Her Highness, who enjoys the same vastly, he orders his boy regiment to belabour the Sirdars and especially Lehma Singh. Sirdar Tej Singh prudently abstains from coming to the Durbar, preferring a dignified solitude to being made a spectacle of.

2. Mool Singh, Vakeel, waited upon me to ask my opinion as to the expediency of dismissing Sookli Raj and Asa Nund, the Kardars of Chuch and Khatir.

3. Orders are issued to General Cortlandt to make his reports through Sirdar Shumshere Singh to Lieutenant Edwardes.

4. The Orderly Sowars of the late Jowahir Singh are mustered, 100 Sikhs and 25 Hindustancees being retained ; the rest are sent to the right about.

5. Hurree Buggut is appointed a writer on 60 rupees a month and directed to join and write with Captain Abbott and Dewan Ajoodhea Pershad.

6. Bukhshee Buggut Ram is directed to advance to Sultan Mahomed Khan the sum of 10,000 rupees besides an elephant, the same to be realized from his *jageer*.

7. The suggestion of Dewan Kishun Singh to have a company of Infantry instead of Cavalry at Rawul Pindee, in consequence of the scarcity of grass, is approved of.

8. I am informed of Sirdar Tej Singh having ordered six guns to be sent to Bulmineewalla.

9. The Durbar is informed of my having paid a visit to Shere Mahomed Khan, lately arrived from Scinde: they applaud the simple attention.

10. News is received from Colonel Sultan Ahmed, on duty at Dera Ismael Khan, of some zemindars of Lukkee having set fire to the town and carried off cattle to a large amount. In the skirmish 20 men are said to have been killed and 15 wounded. Dewan Dowlut Rai has gone to the spot and is engaged in making enquiries.

11. The district of Jondha has been made over to Ram Kishun and that of Bhimbur to Mukken Singh.

12. The Sirdars remonstrate with the Maharajah on the impropriety of his allowing his spirits during the Hoolee to get the better of his judgment. They threaten him with giving us information of his proceedings. This was in consequence of His Highness having given, amongst the others, Vakeel Jowahir Singh a severe thrashing.

13. Sirdar Jundha Singh pays another midnight visit to the Rancee.

24th February.

1. The Maharajah renews his practical jokes. He sends for the sons of Fakeer Noor-oo-deen to join in the Hoolee, but they decline the honor.

2. Reports of want of carriage are received from the army proceeding to Bunnoo Tank.

3. The zemindars of Mittawal come up in a body to complain against the exactions of their Kardar. Dewan Deena Nath issues satisfactory orders in their case.

4. Mool Singh, Vakeel, gives Sirdar Tej Singh a hint from me that he is in my opinion neglecting his duties as Commander-in-Chief in his anxiety to have a finger in the Fiscal and Political affairs of the State. The Sirdar observes that without his superintendence everything would go wrong.

5. Sirdars Tej Singh and Shere Singh have another altercation. The latter endeavours to conciliate Fakeer Noor-oo-deen.

25th February.

1. Dewan Deena Nath begs Sirdar Tej Singh to be more vigilant in the superintendence of his Kardars, who are said to be guilty of great exactions.

2. Munglee Lall, the successor of Fakeer Chiragh-oo-deen, is invested with a dress of honor on his appointment. There appears to have been a trick in this matter which shall be righted.

3. Futich Khan, Towanah, again applies for some employment. He is told that until he pays his debt to the State, amounting to seven lakhs, he can expect no consideration.

4. The Hoolee follies are renewed *con amore*.

5. The Rance converts 10,000 rupees worth of jewelry into cash for the purpose of giving to the poor.

6. The zemindars of Manjha are ordered to carry out any instructions issued by Sooraj Bhan, lately appointed Superintendent of Police on the high-roads from Lahore.

7. An angry altercation, accompanied with drawing of swords, takes place between Futteh Khan, Towanah, and the Nawab of Tank in the presence of Dewan Deena Nath, who however puts an end to the discussion.

8. A dispute arises in the city between a Sepoy belonging to the Sappers and Miners and some Khulsa Sowars.

9. The bad feeling between Sirdars Tej Singh and Shere Singh is still apparent. Sirdar Lehna Singh is siding with the former and Fakeer Noor-oo-deen with the latter.

26th February.

1. Some slave-girls express a jocose desire to have a game at romps with the Rance. Her Highness declines the honor on the plea that she is out of spirits and that it may moreover give her enemies a pretext for saying something to her disparagement.

2. Sirdar Teg Chund writes that the Cavalry corps of Akalees has been rebelliously disposed. Orders are issued to bring them to reason.

3. Sirdar Utur Singh is directed to place at the disposal of the Police authorities of Lahore a hundred horsemen.

4. The Peshawar news-writer reports Major George Lawrence's arrival at that place.

5. Colonel Kanhi Singh is directed to join and Goordait Singh to leave for Lahore.

6. Letters received from Pind Dadun Khan announcing the arrival of Lieutenant Edwards at that place with the Bunnoo force and the robbery of the dawk. Stringent orders are issued to Sirdar Shumshere Singh to discover the perpetrators.

27th February.

1. Sirdar Tej Singh has a Durbar at his own house when a *per-mannah* is issued to Sirdar Shumishere Singh to conclude a settlement with the people of Dera Ismael Khan for the yearly revenue of Rupees 58,000. Dewan Deena Nath has agreed that 40,000 rupees only shall be taken.

2. A proclamation is issued offering a free pardon to the escaped prisoner Durya Khan if he will give himself up and furnish security for his future good conduct. I have suggested like treatment for all other State prisoners. Three are confined in the Fort of Attock.

3. Moonshee Gunput Rai reports that a Khutree has been murdered on the Jullalpoor road by some inhabitants of Sindhanwallah, and Isree Singh writes to say that another murder has taken place on the person of two travellers near Tubbhanwallah.

4. Ram Singh, son of Sirdar Rajah Singh (*sic*), solicits the Maharajah's interference in restoring him to his former rights.

5. Fakeer Taj-oo-deen is informed that at my suggestion he is to assume charge under the orders of Sirdar Lehna Singh of the Fort of Govindghur. He is reminded of the importance of the post and of the necessity of abstaining from intoxication. He was many years in charge of the Fortress, but was removed by Sirdar Jowahir Singh. I proposed his restoration, if a sober man, as his looks bespeak dissipation.

6. I pay a visit in company of the Brigadier and other officers to the Maharajah who, in honour of the Hoolee, insists upon presenting us with necklaces, &c., of trifling value, but is over-ruled. The Ranee is angry at not having been waited upon, and she consoles herself by a Hoolee romp with her slave-girls.

7. Futeh Khan, Towanah, observes that the only hope of his being enabled to pay his debt to the State is by being put in charge of another district!! Sirdar Shere Singh promises to aid his views as much as is in his power.

28th February.

1. Dewan Deena Nath gives a grand fête in honor of the Hoolee and docks 40 of his connexions in small tanks of red water.

2. Sirdar Lall Singh, Morareeah, complains against General Hursookh Rai refusing to refund property taken by force from zemindars. Stringent orders are issued compelling restitution.

3. A *perwannah* is issued to Sookha Singh to proceed immediately in charge of two guns to Peshawur.

4. The Viceroys of Mooltan and Jhung are directed to come to some settlement of their differences.

5. Complaints are made by the zemindars on the high-road from Lahore complaining of the Begar system in seizure of coolies without payment both by Hindustancees and Khalsas. Some days ago I issued an order forbidding the practice.

6. Copy of Major George Lawrence's Peshawur Diary from 21st to 27th February 1847 enclosed.

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VISITS PAID AND RECEIVED.

22nd February.

Dewan Deena Nath—on finance and other affairs.

Misr Sahebdyal, son of Misr Rallia—ceremony and to talk on Punjab matters generally.

Kazee Mohkumooddeen, Vakeel of Jummoo—with papers.

Bawa Lutchmun Singh, Mother of Sirdar Lehna Singh—about his master's position.

Mool Singh, Vakeel of Sirdar Tej Singh—with Durbar intelligence.

Lala Goormookh Rai, Mother of Misr Sahebdyal—with Durbar intelligence.

27th February.

Mool Singh, Vakeel of Sirdar Tej Singh—with papers.

Sirdar Runjore Singh, with Ujub Singh, his Vakeel—about his quarrel with his brother.

Kazee Ghoolam Kadir Khan, Mother of Sooltan Mahommmed Khan—to get *khilaf* of *rookhsul*.

Nacemoollah, son of Ulleemoollah, Akhbar Navees—to get dismissal.

24th February.

Lall Singh, Futteh Ghurreah—with an absurd proposition as to means of obtaining intelligence.

Syed Moorturza Shah—to talk about himself.

Shahzada Sooltan, son of Shahzada Ishmael—to make his salam.

25th February.

Bawa Lutchmun Singh, Mother of Sirdar Lehna Singh—on his master's affairs.

Mool Singh, Vakeel of Sirdar Tej Singh—with Durbar papers.

Kazee Mohkumooddeen, Vakeel of Jummoo—Huzara affairs.

Imamooddeen, Vakeel of Sirdar Shere Singh—with message from Shere Singh.

Hummeedoollah Khan, son of Ujoolee Wallah (*sic*)—with letters from Mr. Lawrence.

26th February.

Dewan Deena Nath—revenue matters and Futteh Khan Towanah's affairs.

Futteh Khan, Towanah, with his son Aulum Shere Khan—his own affairs.

Nabob Surfuraz Khan of Mooltan, with his sons Uhmud Ali Khan and Ukbur Ali Khan; his grandson, Kasim Ali Khan, and his nephews, Abdool Mufjeed Khan, Jahangeer Khan, and Mahomed Khan—ceremony.

Sirdar Shere Singh with his Vakeel Imamooddeen—Palace affairs.

Mean Duldeep Singh, Ram Ghurreah, with letter from Major Mackeson—about arrears, &c.

Bawa Hursurn Nath—with message from Maharanee.

Abdool Ali, Mother of Futteh Khan, Towanah—by order, to receive message for his master.

27th February.

Futteh Khan, Towanah—own affairs.

Sirdar Lehna Singh, Majeethia, with Bawa Lutchmun Singh, his Mother—to accept office and talk of own affairs.

28th February.

Mool Singh, Vakeel of Sirdar Tej Singh, and Imamooddeen, Vakeel of Sirdar Shere Singh.—Durbar matters.

(Sd.) H. M. LAWRENCE,

Agent and Resident.

Political Diary of the Agent, Governor-General, North-West Frontier, and Resident at Lahore, from the 1st to the 7th March 1847.

SUMMARY OF PUNJAB INTELLIGENCE.

1st March.

1. The Ranee, after making an offering to the Grunth of 50 rupees, complained that some evil-disposed persons were trying to ruin her by calumnies; and protested that since Rajab Lall Singh was sent to the Provinces, she had not allowed a stranger to approach her, and had been particularly anxious for the preservation of her good name. After giving a cow and some grain in charity, she asked Radha Kishun Pundit how it was that after all her exertions in feeding Brahmins and expending money in charities, her peace of mind had not yet been restored. The Pundit replied that her days of disquietude were nearly ended. She then told him to enquire by the Shasters whether I was favourably disposed towards her. The Pundit, after profound meditation, said that he was well assured that I was, and desired nothing more than that she should pass her days happily and the Maharajah acquire useful knowledge. A great deal of Goolal-throwing, during which the Ranee's clothes were torn to pieces, in retaliation for which she caused the slave-girls to be immersed in the reservoirs of colour, and then gave them new dresses.

2. Sirdar Tej Singh held *darbar* in his own house. This is a practice I try to discourage. More *Hoolce* amusements among the Sirdars who played till they were almost senseless with exhaustion. Sirdar Tej Singh took advantage of this confusion to apply some very injurious terms to the brothers Lehna Singh and Runjore Singh.

3. The Officers of the Kohistan Regiments having urged their men not to volunteer for Maharajah Golah Singh's service, and having marched off the Regiments from Huzara in spite of Mr. Agnew's orders, the *Durbar* resolve that on their return they shall be so punished as to deter others from similar conduct. An *urree* was received from Ram Chund, Kardar of Wuzerabad, in which he states his intention of presenting himself at Lahore after the *Hoolce*. Mool Singh attended and said that General Kanh Singh, Man, had not yet marched for Peshawur with the guns; he was directed to do so, and to put himself under the command of General Golah Singh, Poboovindeeah. It was reported that Colonel Hushmurt Alee and Bukshet Kishm Singh were coming to Lahore contrary to the orders of Major G. Lawrence; they were informed that on their arrival they would be severely punished. The Libunahs petitioned for the bullock hire of the Cashmere Campaign; they were told they should get 1,200 rupees. Ruttun Chund reported that Major G. Lawrence was anxious to see the Lahore Akhbar whenever received. Nihal Singh reported that I would attend the *Durbar* at 4 o'clock accompanied by General Littler and Brigadier Campbell. A report had been received from Goordeal, Kardar of Sealkote, to the effect that two gentlemen had come to the Fort with a company of Sepoys; and that he was alarmed lest they should take possession of Sealkote. This proves to be Captain Abbott, the Boundary Commissioner.

2nd March.

An *urree* is received from the Motmids of Mier Bulla Ram, Nazim of Customs at Peshawur, mentioning that the Khalsah Officers were in the habit of trading to a large amount, yet will not pay the Government dues; and they mention the case of 3 merchants evading duties to the amount of 545 rupees on the strength of a *purwanah* from Bukshet Jowahir Mul of Peshawur; they also complain of the Thannahdars of Attock aiding and abetting these evasions. The

Motmids were strictly enjoined not to remit a *kowrie* of the duty without express orders from the Durbar. Some severe examples in high places are requisite in regard to this evasion of customs duties. A Peshawur Akhbar gives an account of a parade at which Major Lawrence informed the troops that General Golab Singh had been appointed to the command of that force, after which a great number of men brought petitions. Major Lawrence referred them to the Nazim; a general notice was then given that petitioners should refer all revenue cases first to their own Kardars; and that he, Major Lawrence, would interfere only in cases of injustice and oppression, and such complaints must be made in the course of 15 days. Major Lawrence has ordered the Kot-gurree to be prepared as a *Cukherry*. Mir Sahib Deel writes that General Kaph Singh had refused to pay the customs dues in a particular instance; orders are issued on the subject. An Akhbar is received from the fort of Lukkee: the zemindars of Mooritch had attacked the fort of Lukkee; Dowlut Rai, Nazim of Dera Ismael Khan, came against them; an engagement ensued, in which 130 men were killed and wounded, and the zemindars dispersed. I hope that such risings and attacks will now cease.

3rd March.

A *purwanah* is sent to Mir Rulla Ram directing him to dispose of the 45 Sowars sent to him as he might think best. The Vakeel of Nawab Shah Nowaz Khan complains of the injustice of the robber and murderer Futteh Khan, Towanah, being allowed to attend Durbar like an innocent man. Jowahir Mul, Misterree, complains that some Kardars have not paid up their *khurreef* revenue; a party is ordered to enforce payment. An order is sent to Dewan Moolraj of Pind Dadun Khan, to bid him forward the recovered jewels of Rajah Heerah Singh, deceased. An *urree* is received from Syud Meer Shah, Kardar of Beyrah, reporting having recovered the dak bags and forwarding the *rasenamah* of Lieutenant Edwardes.

4th March.

The Sirdars resolve to consult me on several points of importance, which Dewan Deena Nath accordingly did, and then went to inform Sirdar Tej Singh of the result of his mission; and told him that in the case of

Futteh Khan, Towanah, I had said that unless he gave security for the payment of the 4 lakhs of rupees, he should not have the contract of the country again, and that I had directed Noorpoor, Lusser and Mittah Towanah to be made over to Lalf Dass, Kardar; and in the case of Maharajah Golab Singh's account I had directed it to be settled through Joalla Sahale, Motmid, but that first a letter must be written to me by the Durbar requesting a settlement of the account; and that in the case of Sirdar Jewun Singh's allowance, I had said that it was optional to the Ranee to make him an allowance out of her own income.

5th March.

The Ranee talks of making Jewun Singh an allowance. Dewan Deena Nath advises her to clear her accounts with Misr Meg Raj, as her regular allowance would commence from the 1st of *Phagun*. Fakeer Noor-oo-deen is directed to write a congratulatory address to Mr. Currie on his appointment to a seat in Council. It is reported that Lieutenant Edwardes had visited the fort of Mittah Towanah, and thought it fit for the confinement of prisoners; he had also given 700 rupees to dig a well, water being very scarce in that country.

6th March.

It is reported that Major Macgregor has been enquiring into the state of the spirit and gambling houses. One Ram Kishen offers 50,000 rupees for the contract of both. 35 Sepoys of the Fort of Govind-gurh are dismissed, and 6 flogged and imprisoned, on the score of negligence in the escape of Durya Khan, Afghan. It is mentioned in the Peshawur news that a Sepoy has been murdered by the Khybercees. Durya Khan is reported to have arrived at Adh Zye, 10 *koss* from Peshawur, and men have been sent to apprehend him. Lieutenant Edwardes has arrived at Hijran; and the Kardar, Doone Chund, complains greatly of the unmanageable disposition of the zemindars of the Mean Wallee district.

7th March.

An *urree* received from the officers of the Ghorchurrah Kulan praying for the promised rewards; an order is given on the revenue of Bunnoo for rewards for Dewan Gunput Rai, Dewan Devie Sahale and

Khoosheal. The Rancee gave an order for Rupees 1,000 for the support of the Pool-i-Tawaif charity. Dewan Deena Nath tears up the order, and says that any money the Rancee may borrow will be cut from her monthly allowance. The garden of Sirdar Soorit Singh has been selected as the site of the spirit shop. Jus Mull, Vakeel of Dewan Moolraj of Mooltan, is directed to pay up quickly the 8 lakhs due by Moolraj. An *urree* is received from Dewan Moolraj of Pind Dadun Khan, to say that Rocha Singh with the jewels of Rajah Heera Singh, deceased, has been sent to Lahore. The news-writer reports that a *purwanah* is sent to the Vakeel of Sirdar Kanh Singh to the effect that since the thieves who stole the property of the gentleman's servants have been discovered and convicted in his *ilabak*, he ought to have their arms cut off and sent in to Lahore. If true, it is in direct contradiction to my advice against maiming: if such an order has been issued, it shall be cancelled; the fact is however denied by Mool Singh, the Vakeel of Sirdar Tej Singh, who has just been with me.

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VISITS PAID AND RECEIVED.

1st March.

Bawa Luchmun Singh, Mother of Sirdar Lehna Singh—on master's affairs.

Sirdar Kanh Singh, Majeethia, and Sirdar Amur Singh, Majeethia—by invitation, to take message from me to Sirdar Runjore Singh regarding his dispute with his brother Lehna Singh.

3rd March.

At Shaluhmar Bagh.—The Durbar officials and principal Sirdars visited me in the Shaluhmar Garden, where I entertained all the officers and ladies in Garrison.

4th March.

Dewan Deena Nath—for revenue affairs. Bawa Luchmun Singh, Mother of Sirdar Lehna Singh—on master's matters. Kazeer Molkumood-deen, Jumnoo Vakeel—on Huzara affairs. Futteh Khan, Towanah—for his own affairs: refused admittance: sat at door all day.

5th March.

Mool Singh, Vakeel of Sirdar Tej Singh, and Imamooddeen, Vakeel of Sirdar Shere Singh—on Durbar affairs. Golab Singh and Tej Singh, Sirdar Shere Singh's brothers, arrived from Huzara to report themselves. Lalah Asa Nand, Vakeel of Moultan—Mooltan affairs. Meer Shere Mohamud Khan of Seinde, by invitation—to hear orders of Government.

Sham Singh, Toshahkhanla, and Nou Nihal Singh Bode, (*sic*)—to receive letter for Mr. J. Lawrence regarding bills in Julundhur. Moonshee Husun Khan, Mother of Miyan Ubdoolrahman of Kabee—to receive orders of Government about his master, who is sick. Kazee Mohkumooddeen Jummo Vakeel—with *khurreefah* from the Maharajah.

6th March.

Futteh Khan, Towanah—to beg for help against what he called Deena Nath's enmity. Sirdar Uttar Singh, Kallahwalah—to report Cavalry affairs. Mool Singh, Vakeel of Sirdar Tej Singh—with papers. Bhurul Singh, Vakeel of Shere Mohamud Khan of Seinde—to accept pension for his master from Government. Fakeer Noor-ood-deen and Jhunda Singh, Koonjhiya—to take Residency party to Durbar.

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Political Diary of the Agent, Governor-General, North-West Frontier, and Resident at Lahore, from the 8th to the 14th March 1847.

SUMMARY OF PUNJAB INTELLIGENCE.

8th March.

1. Sirdars Tej Singh and Shere Singh went to Fakeer Enam-ooddeen's house to inquire after his health. The Fakeer humbly prayed for a consideration of his case and hoped that some arrangement would be made for his subsistence, and Taj-oo-deen be sent to Umritsur. He was told that he would be provided for.

2. The Sirdars were informed that Mr. Cocks would come to investigate the accounts of Futteh Khan Towanah's district. On his arrival the inquiry was entered upon by Mr. Cocks, Sirdars Lehna Singh,

Shere Singh, Uttur Singh, Kalawallah, Lall Singh, Morareeah, Bukhshee Bhuggut Ram, etc.; while Sirdar Tej Singh and Dewan Deena Nath remained apart in the Sheeh Muhul. Mr. Cocks wrote the accounts in English and Moulvee Rujlab Ully of the Resident's office noted them down in Persian.

3. Hakim Chund brought some petitions backed by orders in my handwriting complaining of the oppression exercised by the Kardars of Chuch and Khatir. They were made over to Hunsraj, son of Dewan Moolraj, for decision.

4. An order was issued to Dewan Moolraj of Pind Dadun Khan, to release the *jagheers* of the Charyaree Sowars.

5. Jus Mull, Vakeel of Dewan Moolraj of Mooltan, was ordered to pay up the 3 lakhs due for an instalment.

6. Jus Mull informed the Sirdars that the 40 *sumboorahs* made up by Mir Ameer Chund at Sangoliah by order of Rajah Lall Singh have arrived at Shahdera. The Sirdars remarked that the late Vuzeer was always giving orders in opposition to the Treaty.

7. Sirdar Shumshere Singh, Sindhanwalla, was directed to send in the names of the men of his force who refused to pay for forage.

8. General Kanh Singh said that the duty said to have been evaded by his men had been paid to the Customs officers at Attock.

9. Rupees 57,000 due by Sirdar Sultan Mahomed Khan on account of the pay of a company of Sepoys for 4 years was remitted.

10. The final decision of Futteh Khan's case was deferred till the next day.

11. Mool Singh remarked that no reckoning had been taken of the money that Futteh Khan had obtained by robbery and oppression. The Sirdars remarked that that was true, but without my assistance there was no hope of his paying anything.

9th March.

1. Sirdar Shere Singh was told to complete the payment of his *nuzzurana*. Sheikh Enam-oo-deen petitioned that his stipend might be exchanged for a *jagheer*. The village of Kuhluloon, equal to 720 rupees, was made over to him.

2. Sirdar Outar Singh, Attareewallah, was ordered to resume *jagirs* and stipends in the Peshawar district to the amount of Rupees 59,392.

3. Mr. Cocks was employed from the morning till three o'clock with Futteh Khan's case. The decision was that Futteh Khan owed altogether 4,00,000 rupees to the State, 2,58,000 of which he claimed on account of 5,000 horse and foot kept up by him. Mr. Cocks said that the prior decision of Sirdar Tej Singh and Dewan Deena Nath was fair and lenient.

4. The Sirdars attended Durbar at the Residency. Tej Singh proposed that General Kanh Singh, Man, should be told to recover the money from Futteh Khan. I remarked to the Sirdars that the inhabitants of the Jullunder Doab were greatly pleased at the abolition of the duties and that the Government had not suffered in the least, and said I thought that, if in the Sirkar's dominions, the customs duties on grain &c., were abolished and the duty on two or three articles only preserved, the revenue would not be diminished and the supply of grain would be more plentiful.

5. General Kanh Singh took charge of Futteh Khan, Towanah.

10th March.

1. Sher Mahomed Khan, nephew of Futteh Khan, Towanah, on being questioned by the Sirdars said that Futteh Khan left a great deal of property in charge of Chiragh Shah Bodelah of Mooltan.

2. The Nawab of Tank sent a petition to the effect that if Futteh Khan was made over to him he would be wholly answerable for the payment of his arrears and the safety of his person.

3. The taking of *nuzurs* for marriages was prohibited at Peshawar.

4. Enquiry was made from General Kanh Singh, Man, and others into the reported case of maiming as a punishment. He and all denied that anything of the sort had occurred, after which proclamations were issued at my recommendation prohibiting the punishment of offenders by cutting and maiming, and ordering all serious cases, such as murder, highway robbery, etc., to be sent to Government for enquiry and decision.

5. The Sirdars settled that 2,000 out of the 5,500 men of the Ram-gol Battalion should be dismissed.

6. Kurr-oo-deen Khan, who has charge of the road between Peshawur and Attock, was warned that if complaints continued so frequent he would be a sufferer.

7. The district of Mittah Towanah, formerly farmed by Futteh Khan, was resumed and a party of soldiers sent to take charge of the Fort.

11th March.

1. Fakeer Taj-oo-deen asked whether he was to have the command of Govindgurh. The Sirdars advised him to give up drink and debauchery and then his case might be considered.

2. Notice was sent to the Kardars of the Manjha announcing the appointment of Sirdar Lehna Singh to that district.

3. News was received that Ameer Dost Mahomed Khan of Cabool was so incapacitated by grief and distress at the loss of his son that he was quite neglecting the affairs of his kingdom, and the people of Jellalabad and other places were rising in rebellion.

4. Munglee Lall, Vakeel, represented that on the whole case of the violent conduct of Lieutenant Tyrwhitt being told to Major Macgregor, he said that the officer would be brought to a Court Martial.

5. General Kanb Singh announced that he had had an interview with me and that I had presented him with a sword for his services at Cashmere and Mozufferabad.

12th March.

1. An *urdee* was received from Lallah Teg Chund to the effect that a sowar, a servant of the English gentlemen, had been wounded near Futtehgurh. In reply an order was issued that he should be properly cared for and when well enough sent in to Lahore.

2. A *perwannah* was written to Dewan Moolraj of Mooltan telling him to find out whether Futteh Khan had left property in charge of Chiragh Shah Bodelah.

3. It was reported that Nubbee Buksh, Kotwal of Umritsur, had been annoying and oppressing the people.

4. An *order* from Teg Chund, Kardar, announced that Baba Dheerput Singh, resident at Dera Nanak, had in a fit of intoxication put all his family to death. It was resolved to consult me on this point and to cause the sale of spirits to be put a stop to. I told them to confiscate his *jageer* and, if they were disposed, to punish him capitally.

13th March.

1. Buhhshee Bhuggut Ram represented that Dewan Moolraj of Pind Dadun Khan had not paid the money due by him, and that the troops at Bunnoo are unpaid in consequence: a *perwannah* issued to enforce payment.

2. Lallah Hureurrun Dass obtained the signature of all the Sirdars concerned to the proceedings in the case of Futeh Khan, Towanah.

3. I and my Assistants attended Durbar at the Palace. Jus Mull, Vakeel, represented that five lakhs of rupees in part payment of the instalment had left Mooltan for Lahore. I spoke about the improper conduct of Adjutant Budh Singh, who is with Lieutenant Nicholson, allowing his men to cut forage, &c., and refusing to pay for it. A severe reprimand was at once addressed to him.

14th March.

1. The Maharanee expressed a wish to see me in private in order that she might explain her case (with reference to the late conspiracy) fully to me, but decidedly objected to Sirdars Tej Singh or Shere Singh being present.

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VISITS PAID AND RECEIVED.

5th March.

Baba Luchman Singh, Mothie of Sirdar Lehna Singh—about his master's *jageer*, &c.

Kazee Mohkum-oo-deen, Jummoo Vakeel—Huzara affairs.

9th March.

Nubbee Buksh, Kotwal of Unrisur—sent by Durbar with an officer's lost dog.

Kazee Mohkum-oo-deen, Jummoo Vakeel—with letters.

Gunga Singh, Vakeel of Munder Rajah—with a complimentary letter.

Sirdar Tej Singh; Sirdar Shere Singh; Dewan Deena Nath; Bhace Ndlhan Singh; Lall Singh, Morareeah; Golab Singh, brother of Sirdar Shere Singh; Sheikh Emam-oo-deen; Ram Chund, grandson of Dewan Sawun Mull of Mooltan; Dewan Hakim Rai; Goormookh Singh, Luman; Ruttun Chund, Darheewallah; General Kanh Singh, Man, and his son Vusakha Singh; Khaleefa Noor-oo-deen; Baba Muhyan Singh; Sirdar Uttur Singh, Kalawallah; Sirdar Lehna Singh, Majeethia; Chunda Singh, Kuralwalla; Sirdole Singh, son of Futteh Singh, Man; Lallah Anunt Ram, Moochhoo; Lallah Choonee Lall; Jumal-oo-deen, son of Fakeer Noor-oo-deen; Mool Singh, Vakeel of Sirdar Tej Singh; Emam-oo-deen, Vakeel of Sirdar Shere Singh; General Golab Singh, Majeethia; Baba Luchmun Singh, Motbir of Sirdar Lehna Singh—Durbar visit, at which Futteh Khan's affair was discussed.

10th March.

Meean Ahdoorahman of Jellalabad—to receive Government orders.

Baba Luchmun Singh, Motbir of Sirdar Lehna Singh, with Futteh Chund—about *jageers*.

Lallah Anunt Ram, Moochhoo—complimentary and personal.

Sirdar Shere Singh—to discuss Peshawur affairs.

Rai Kishun Chund, Vakeel of the Maharajah, with Hookum Chund, Peshkar, and Munglee Lall, Moonshee—on return from leave.

Mirza Mahomed Hussein, Motbir of Ameer Dost Mohamed Khan—to take leave.

Bhurul Singh, Vakeel of Shere Mahomed Khan of Seinde—complimentary.

Mool Singh, Vakeel of Sirdar Tej Singh, and Emam-oo-deen, Vakeel of Sirdar Shere Singh—to take instructions regarding cantoning of troops, &c.

11th March.

Sheikh Emam-oo-deen—about his own affairs.

Sirdar Soojan Singh, Doabia—about his own affairs.

Baba Luchmun Singh, Motbir of Sirdar Lehna Singh—to ask orders against interference in Manjha affairs.

Rai Kishun Chund, Vakeel of Maharajah—with Durbar papers.

General Kanb Singh, Man—to receive a sword on return from Huzara.

12th March.

Sirdar Chunda Singh, Kuralwalla—visit of ceremony and to show his chits: he is brother-in-law of Maharajah Khurruk Singh.

Kazee Mohkum-oo-deen, Vakeel of Jummoo.

Rajah Chund Dhir Deo of Ramnuggur; Rajah Rugbur Deo of Jummoo; Meean Shumshere Singh and his son Roop Singh of Juscontah; Meean Dhuleep Singh of Ramgurl; Eeshree Singh of Shahpoor; Rajah Poorub Singh and his son Aluk Deo of Mankote; Rajah Fyz Tulub Khan and his son Futteh Khan of Bhimbur; Ticks Omed Singh and Nurayun Singh of Bhuddowal; Rajah Shere Andaz Khan of Poonch; Hashim Ali Khan, and Munsoor Ali Khan of Nar; Rajah Jeymul Singh, Zorawur Singh, and Dilawur Singh of Kishtwar; Muluk Hubeesh-oolah Khan of Shahabad of Cashmere; Dewan Shere Baz Khan of Meerpoor of Chowmookh; Akbar Ali Khan and Mahomed Buksh Khan of Rhotas; Syud Murdan Shah, an inhabitant of Bhimbur and Rajource; Akhoonradah Gholam Mohee-oo-deen, Vakeel of Sirdar Sultan Mahomed Khan; Sirdar Surdole Singh, Man; Hill Chiefs—on their respective affairs: had each separate interview.

13th March.

Sirdar Soojan Singh, Doabia—to beg for jagiers.

Kazee Mohkum-oo-deen, Jummoo Vakeel—with letter from Maharajah.

Baba Luchmun Singh, Mothir of Sirdar Lehna Singh—to talk on his master's affairs.

Dhural Singh, Vakeel of Shere Mahomed Khan of Seinde—to ask for interview for master.

Emam-oo-deen, Vakeel of Sirdar Shere Singh—on master's affairs.

Fakeer Noor-oo-deen, Sirdar Utur Singh, Kalawallah, and Sirdar Golab Singh, brother of Sirdar Shere Singh—to take us to Durbar.

14th March.

Lallah Asa Nund, Vakeel of Mooltan.

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**Political Diary of the Agent, Governor-General, North-
West Frontier, and Resident at Lahore, from
the 15th to the 21st March 1847.**

SUMMARY OF PUNJAB INTELLIGENCE.

15th March.

1. In the morning the Maharajah, as usual, rode out with some of the Sirdars.

2. The estate of Shahderah, worth 5,000 rupees per annum, made over to Sirdar Sultan Mahomed Khan by Rajah Heera Singh and confirmed to him on the Rajah's death by Sirdar Jawahir Singh, has been resumed.

3. Rupees 2,000, increased product of Sirdar Lall Singh's *jagier* of Taragoda, is allowed to him.

4. The *furushes* are ordered always to keep tables, chairs, &c., at Shalimar for the use of the Resident and English visitors.

5. At the intercession of Rae Kishen Chund a *chogha*, shawl and 70 rupees have been given to Hookum Chund.

6. A *saafut* of Rupees 500 is presented to Captain Robinson of Seeris at the Residency.

7. The tax upon justice levied by Runjore Singh gives dissatisfaction, especially as parties are imprisoned if they do not pay. Some Akalees escaped from the new Jail and Sirdar Runjore Singh released several prisoners without consulting Major Macgregor.

8. Of a *jagier* of 16,000 rupees given by Rajah Lall Singh to Dewan Davee Dutta and Sonihal (*sic*) 6,440 are confirmed, the rest resumed.

9. Dewan Jowahir Mull is told that the daily allowance of his cousin Ram Raj is 7 rupees; his *jamavat* will be resumed; and that instead of rupees 15 he will henceforward draw 7 and as before have command of 100 sowars. The Dewan is told to join his charge of Sabeewal or that another Collector will be appointed. He asks to have his *jagier* of Rajroor confirmed. In reply Dewan Deena Nath told him that although in the time of Rajah Dhyan Singh he has not had one rupee, 5,000 rupees were now given him and that he had better beware. He then asked to rent Rajroor and was permitted.

10. Jewun Mull was appointed Kardar of the Salt Mines of Peshawur and Kohat estimated at a lakh of rupees.

11. Kishun Lall is appointed Kardar of Manowur.

12. Calcutta intelligence of the Parade to receive the 252 captured guns is received in Durbar. The Chiefs were made to say that though the Sikhs had by their own invasion destroyed the State, the Governor-General and his subordinates had by their kindness resuscitated it.

13. On the representation of General Golab Singh's Vakeel, *khillats* for his officers gone to Peshawur are ordered.

14. Sultan Mahomed Khan reports his arrival at Wuzcerabad and intention to proceed onwards by invitation of Major Lawrence.

15. Rules for Lehna Singh's guidance in the government of the Manjha are read.

16. Dewan Ajoodhea Pershad writes to the Durbar that the subjects of Maharajah Golab Singh are loud in their complaints of the tyranny of their Kardar Roop Chund to Captain Abbott, who had addressed the Maharajah on the subject.

17. The Dilkusha Garden at Shahdera, worth 2,000 rupees, is given to Rai Kishun Chund.

18. A well near Lahore, worth 100 rupees a year for a garden, is given to Bukhshee Kunhya Lall.

19. Some ladies visit the Maharanee. They are accompanied to the Durbar by Lieutenant Taylor.

20. Bakur Khan, an agent of stables, is taken to task for discharging old horsemen instead of new.

21. Sirdar Tej Singh tells Sirdar Shere Singh that all the new soldiers in the Kohistanee Regiments are to be discharged unless the Resident orders otherwise.

16th March.

1. The Maharanee has ordered access to her presence to be denied to Bishun Singh, the lately appointed door-keeper, whom she is also anxious to dismiss.

2. Fifty of Maharajah Shere Singh's sowars are discharged.

3. The Maharanee complains of her stipend of 12,000 rupees being due to her; but was told that she may draw it monthly.

4. The Durbar assembled at the Residency at Anarkullee. Dewan Deena Nath represented that a quantity of money was coming from Dewan Moolraj. I said it should be sent to Peshawur for payment of the troops immediately on its arrival.

5. The Fort of Lukkee is stated to have been put in a state of preparation for enforcing the revenue from the zemindars, who in that part as well as Bunnoo are very wild.

6. Golab Singh is anxious to exchange a part of the Huzarah country for Manowur, Kurree, and Thol. Dewan Deena Nath agrees with me in thinking that the agreement with Golab Singh should remain as it stands.

7. Runjore Singh was confronted with Major Macgregor in regard to the release of the prisoners. The only excuse of the former was that he did not know the circumstances which led to their imprisonment. The Sirdars thought he ought to have consulted with Major Macgregor: and also expressed their opinion among themselves that the arrangement of Golab Singh's territory would be a difficult business; that he ought to rearrange the territory of Junimoo, part of Cashmere, Mozufferabad, Bala Kot, and throw troops into all these places as also the Huzarah, &c.

17th March.

1. The Peshawur papers tell of some merchants being robbed and redress promised by Major G. Lawrence.

2. Jelalabad papers state that Mahomed Shah Khan has gone to Lughman to have Mahomed Akbar Khan's corpse conveyed there, and that he was in a state of rebellion.

3. The statistical papers of the revenue of Peshawur have been ordered to be sent to Lahore.

4. Captain Edwardes reports that during the late siege of the Fort of Lukkee, the zemindars to the number of 12,000 had surrounded the Fort and that the soldiers are now desirous of a reward for repelling them.

18th March.

1. Sirdar Shere Singh had an interview with the Maharanee.
2. The Laseeah Sowars have been ordered to Lahore.
3. The zemindars of Rawul Pindee complain of the extortion of Kishun Kowar.
4. Further complaints of Runjore Singh's practice of extorting a fee from the suppliants at his court.
5. The news-writer states that people are all satisfied with our proceedings.

19th March.

1. Dewan Moolraj of Pind Dadun Khan was ordered to send Kardar Ram Koor here to present the accounts of Mier Ameer Chund.
2. An intimation was made to the Durbar that it better have always in readiness at Lahore the means of moving at an hour's notice 2 Regiments, 1,000 Sowars, and 6 guns.
3. Dewan Deena Nath promised the zemindars of Rawul Pindee that there shall be no more extortion from them.
4. Four Companies of the Kohistanee Pultun at a time are ordered to attend for inspection and discharge or re-enlistment as may be.
5. The Maharanee is very much distressed at the falling off in his attentions of Ameer Buksh, Deoree-wallah, and is anxious to have a private meeting with me provided none of the Sirdars are present.

20th March.

1. Sirdar Shere Singh dismisses some of his troops in accordance with a hint from me.
2. The Killadar of the Fort of Pind Dadun Khan complains of being turned out by Dewan Moolraj.
3. The zemindars of Budgaon complain of the oppression of Fuzl Dad Khan, Rohtaswallah, as also those of an *ilakah* of Peshawar of their Kardars Dewan Hakim Rai and Kishun Kowar. They say that whenever Major G. Lawrence comes near us, the Kardars make promises of restoration, only to be forgotten when his back is turned. When Dewan Deena Nath could not make them understand that they should

receive justice, he got angry and struck one man with a stick and imprisoned him till the consent of their Kardars should be obtained for his release and threatened to imprison any other zemindars who should come with complaints.

4. The Darbar assembled in the Palace. I inquired whether the treasure had arrived from Mooltan. I was told not. Colonel Alla Singh's Troop of Horse Artillery has gone to Sealkote, and 6 of Rajah Lall Singh's guns are ordered in its stead to Peshawur. I have requested that the arrangement be altered and that his own guns or at least men be sent with him. I said that 500 Sowars had been appointed to Peshawur and intimated that the sooner they went the better. I also made an observation on the plundering propensities of the Akalees and was informed that several of them had been imprisoned by Runjore Singh. Captain Edwardes writes that Sirdar Shumshere Singh, Sindhanwallah, was in a fair way to settle Bunnoo and that his soldiers had abstained from pillage, &c., during a march. Lieutenant Tyrwhitt's case is noticed in Darbar.

21st March.

1. Sirdar Runjore Singh complains that he is obliged to send his own people into the different *ilakhs* to bring the defendants face to face with the plaintiffs, inasmuch as they often refuse to come, while the zemindar laughs at him.

2. Three Companies of Kohistanee Troops have been dismissed.

3. Moheo-oo-deen Khan, Motmid of Sultan Mahomed Khan, came to Darbar to complain of the resumption of Shahdera and the insolent treatment of Ibrahim Khan, Sultan Mahomed's son, and himself by Gama, a renter of the said *ilakhi*.

4. All Kardars within the jurisdiction of the Government of Lahore are ordered to take no forage either for their own or any of the Sirkar's horses without paying a fair price for it.

5. Ram Chund, Kardar of Wuzeerabad, was interrogated by Dewan Deena Nath as to the cause of his not having come sooner with his zemindars to settle about the revenues, as he had been ordered by the said Dewan. He excused himself by saying that all the revenue for the last three years had been paid up, and that if he brought the zemindars before the rains, so much time would be lost for cultivation.

6. Rai Kishun Chund, Vakeel, requested that the sum of 200 rupees might be granted for the marriage of the daughter of Hookum Chund, his son-in-law, as also one shawl *chogha* for Chirut Ram, his Mootsuddee. The request was complied with.

7. The Jhung papers announce the arrival at that place of Captain Nicholson, who had obtained an account of the state of the country from the Nazim, Mir Rulla Ram.

8. Lalla Tek Chund is ordered to give up the *jageer* of Gosao Riassee given to him by Rajah Lall Singh. Lalla Tek Chund has two *ilakhs*, named Soojanpoorah and Puthan Kot, in the country between the Beas and Ravee, which has lately merged into the management of Lehna Singh, a master under whom he is unwilling to serve. He has always paid to Government a portion of the revenue of these *ilakhs* and hints that Lehna Singh will see the wisdom of following the same course. He will resign these *ilakhs*, but the privilege of farming out two others, named Cheytpoorgurh and Futehgurh, is in his hands. Many persons who were present said that several Kardars would disown allegiance to Lehna Singh and even abandon their *ilakhs*. If they do they shall not get others.

9. Rajroop, Kardar of Kachee, was ordered to command the Kardars of that place, Pindi Gheb, and Tala, to bring in an account of the revenue of their respective districts.

10. Ameer Singh, Commander of Rajah Lall Singh's Fort, is reprimanded for not having sent 6 guns, as ordered, to Bukhshish Singh and Ajoodhes Pershad at Peshawur. They are to be forwarded immediately.

11. The Huzara Akhbars say that Maharajah Golab Singh is desirous to exchange the *ilakhs* of Huzara, Balakot, &c., for Munowur, Kurree Kurralee, Thol, &c., in the plains, and that Dewan Joala Sahaie will wait on me for conducting the negotiation. The Durbar disapprove of any change, and think that if His Highness will resign all claim to the religious endowments and *jageers* of the inhabitants of Cashmere and Morufferabad, the people will remain quiet, but that otherwise there will be a revolution.

12. Copies of the Diaries of the following officers attached to the Residency, on deputation in the Provinces, are herewith forwarded:— Major George Lawrence from 7th to 13th instant at Peshawur; Lieutenant H. B. Edwardes from 1st to 11th instant at Bunnoo Tank.

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VISITS PAID AND RECEIVED.

15th March.

Sirdar Shere Singh—regarding Peshawur and Palace affairs.

Rai Kishun Chund, Vakeel of the Maharajah—with papers.

Ajub Singh, Vakeel of Sirdar Runjore Singh—about his master's quarrel with his brother.

Imam-oo-deen, Vakeel of Sirdar Shere Singh, and Mool Singh, Vakeel of Sirdar Tej Singh—with letters.

Kazee Mohikum-oo-deen, Jummo Vakeel—on Huzara and Cashmere affairs.

16th March.

Julal Khan, Bhutte—to receive a *khillat* for bringing over European women from Ferozepore.

Gunda Singh, Vakeel of Sirdar Shumshere Singh, Sindhanwallah—about a Jusrota *jagver*.

Ghokm Mohee-oo-deen Shah, Vakeel of Sirdar Kehar Singh Sindhanwallah—to ask for interview for master.

Lalla Gunesb Dass, Vakeel of Uttur Singh, Kallanwallah—with rolls of discharged Irregular Horse.

Sirdar Tej Singh; Sirdar Shere Singh; Dewan Deena Nath; Bhace Nidhan Singh; Rai Kishun Chund; Baba Meean Singh; Lalla Anunt Ram, Moochiboo; Golab Singh, brother of Sirdar Shere Singh; Fakeer Noor-oo-deen; Bukhshee Bhuggut Ram; Ram Chund, grandson of Dewan Sawun Mull of Mooltan; Diyal Singh, son of Gunda Singh, Koonjahiyah; Sheikh Imam-oo-deen; Ruttun Chund, Darheewallah; Dewan Baisakha Singh; Fakeer Shums-oo-deen; Fakeer Jumal-oo-deen, son of Fakeer Noor-oo-deen; Fakeer Shah Nuwaz-oo-deen, son of Fakeer Chiragh-oo-deen; Goormookh Singh, Lumman; Surdol Singh, son of Futteb Singh.

Man; General Sooltan Mahmood Khan; Ruttun Singh, Mundeewallah; Misr Ameer Chund; Chunda Singh, Kuralwalla; Mungul Singh; Dewan Hakim Rai; Sirdar Runjore Singh; Uttur Singh, Kallanwallah; Sirdar Lehna Singh; General Golab Singh, Majeethia; Lalla Munglee Lall, Moonshie of Rai Kishun Chund; Gholam Kasim Khan and Valah Bukhsh Khan, Jageerdars of Bunnoo Tank; Mool Singh, Vakeel of Sirdar Tej Singh; Imam-oo-deen, Vakeel of Sirdar Shere Singh—public Durbar at which several matters were canvassed.

17th March.

Shahzadah Ali Ahmud, son of the late Uyoob Shah—a complimentary visit.

Akhoonzadah Fuzl Ali, Motbir of Nuwab Ismael Khan—to tell of his master's wrongs and the tyranny done by Futteh Khan, Towanah.

Akhoonzadah Gholam Mohee-oo-deen, Motbir of Sirdar Sooltan Mahomed Khan—to report that his master's *jagir* of Shahdera had been confiscated.

Misr Megh Raj, Toshakhaneea—with box of jewels; and Mool Singh, Vakeel of Sirdar Tej Singh—to show 40,000 rupees worth of recovered jewels, plundered when Rajah Heera Singh was slain.

Kazee Mohkum-oo-deen, Jummo Vakeel—with Huzara Intelligence.

Gomanee Lall, Adaltee of the Maharajah—to make a salaam on being appointed a Deputy Judge of the Mansha.

Sirdar Runjore Singh—with Ajub Singh, Vakeel; and Faurun Singh, Motmid—to discuss his own case *versus* his brother.

18th March.

Baba Luchmun Singh, Motbir of Sirdar Lehna Singh—to tell of his master's dispute with Runjore Singh.

Gunput Rai of Sirkaree Magazine—to say that six ammunition waggons were required at Peshawar.

Lalla Asa Nund, Vakeel of Mooltan—to say that cash is coming.

Rai Kishun Chund, Vakeel of Maharajah—with papers.

Sirdar Lehna Singh, Majeethia, with Moonshie Ameer Chund—to discuss his own position, public and private.

19th March,

Shere Mahomed Khan, Scindee, with Bhurul Singh, Vakeel—complimentary.

Soondur Dass, cousin of Misr Megh Raj, Toshakhanees—to answer whether he would rent his house for the public service.

Kazee Mohkum-oo-deen, Jummo Vakeel—boundary affairs.

Dewan Deena Nath—to discuss revenue matters.

Baba Luchmun Singh, Motbir of Sirdar Lehna Singh—to bring a hydraulic plaything.

Mool Singh, Vakeel of Sirdar Tej Singh—to ask for interview for his master.

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Political Diary of the Agent, Governor-General, North-West Frontier, and Resident at Lahore, from the 22nd to the 28th March 1847.

SUMMARY OF PUNJAB INTELLIGENCE.

22nd March.

1. 250 soldiers are discharged from the Regiment commanded by General Goordut Singh.

2. Sirdar Ram Singh, Ladhrauwallah (Cis-Sutlej), complains of being disturbed by his brother in the possession of his *jagiri*. A representation of the case is promised to be made to me and is so. I gave a note to Captain Larkins.

3. The Maharanee is much distressed at the dismissal of Bhace Ameer Buksh from the office of Royal door-keeper.

4. Fakeer Noor-oo-deen makes an application for a Vakeelship in behalf of his son Shums-oo-deen to Dewan Deena Nath, which is rejected.

5. Gunput Rule of the Magazine is ordered to enforce the restoration of two camels robbed from Hurree Singh, a merchant at Ainnabad.

6. Mool Singh, Vakeel of Sirdar Tej Singh, is ordered to wait on me regarding the place of concealment of Prema, Lall Singh, Adaltee, and Uttur Singh.

7. It appears from the Peshawur papers that Mier Ameer Chund, cousin of Rajah Lall Singh, has been paying up arrears due to the troops for the months of October and November, but that the soldiers of the Ram Gole Regiments complain to Major G. Lawrence every day on account of not receiving their pay, and that one of these men being dissatisfied with the Major's explanation that money was on its way to Peshawur was put in prison.

8. After reading the Peshawur intelligence of Major Lawrence's exertions, the Sirdars are reported to have remarked in Durbar that the revenue will be in a different state now under Major Lawrence to what it was in the days of Sirdars Shere Singh and Autar Singh.

9. The Rawul Pindce papers mention the arrival from Hazara of a Moulvee under an escort of 200 Sepoys. He is the man who headed the late insurrection in Hazara. Mr. Agnew has guaranteed him safe conduct to Hindoostan.

10. Mooltan papers are read. Dewan Moolraj, Nazim of Mooltan, having mustered his troops, dismissed 300 of them. He told the Bha-wulpore Vakeel that at Mooltan cases pending between the two provinces were determined according to the old rules, but that the Nawab's Agents oppressed Mooltan subjects. He added that as the two houses are now one, he would address the Nawab.

11. Zeman Khan requests the Durbar to accept bail for the release of Muluk Futteh Khan, mentioning the names of many Sirdars who will stand security; but as none of them seem willing to put down the money Dewan Deena Nath tells him that without cash he cannot be released, and that he moreover knows that the said Muluk has collected 18 lakhs of rupees from the *ilakhs* of Mouruth, Esankhey, Tank, Bunnoo, etc., and has only paid up 2½ lakhs to Government—a nice proof of his sincerity.

12. The following orders are sent to the Durbar by me:—1st, that one Regiment or so with guns and *zambooraks* be, for the future, stationed in the fort of Lukkee, to be left there on the return of the troops from Bunnoo; 2nd, that the Kohistanee Troops coming from Peshawur be paid and dismissed; 3rd, that the papers relating to the

various *jagets* be quickly prepared. Immediately assent is given. The garrison of Lukkee was heretofore 200 Irregulars.

13. Bhace Ameer Buksh reports that, as ordered, he has deputed some Bhyahs to Peshawur with the *jageerdarees* sowars.

23rd March.

1. The Maharanee, adverting to the efforts made for the instruction of the Maharajah, tells His Highness that he ought to follow my example by going out to ride in the morning, and spending the evening in reading and writing. The Maharajah said it was too dusty to ride and that he would assemble the Durbar instead.

2. Another effort is made for the release of Muluk Futeh Khan, but nothing can be done until the cash be forthcoming.

3. Dewan Deena Nath is instructed by me to collect the revenue from the Kardars, and to send out summonses in the beginning of April for the May instalments.

4. Treasure amounting to 4,50,000 rupees arrives from the Nazim of Mooltan. One lakh and fifteen thousand rupees are ordered to be sent on mules to Peshawur.

5. Some Policemen and Chowkeedars of the "Syud Mittah" quarter of Lahore City, being convicted of receiving bribes, are dismissed, and a warning is sent to the rest.

6. In accordance with my wish, Fakeer Cheragh-oo-deen is re-appointed Vakeel to the exclusion of Munglee Lal.

7. A *farmanah* is addressed to the zemindars in the neighbourhood of Lahore to provide 50 carts for the carriage of bricks for the English cantonment.

8. The Officers, Agents and merchants, within the jurisdiction of the Lahore Government, are ordered by the Durbar to trade with the British Camp.

9. The Durbar complains of Runjore Singh appropriating all the *adalut* fees to his own purposes; that he receives some thousands of rupees on this account, and that even in the time of Dewan Hakim Raie 5,000 rupees ought to have been given to Government from this very source.

10. Dewan Deena Nath calculated that there are about 50 or 60,000 rupees in the Forts of Gobind Gurl and Motee (*sic*).

11. The Durbar meets at the Residency at Anarkully, the Sirdars being conducted there by Major Macgregor. After enquiring for the health of the Maharajah, I asked Dewan Deena Nath concerning the state of Gundgurl and Kureealee, in reference to Zeman Khan's *jageer*, and am told that the former has been restored to him. I have heard from Hazara that the Khan is very unhappy. The Dewan and Sirdar Tej Singh said that a regiment should be stationed at the Fort of Lukkee to be relieved at proper intervals, as also a couple of guns. Rai Kishun Chund represents that plaintiffs in Muluk Futteh Khan's cases are very anxious to get justice, but that since the Muluk is imprisoned they cannot produce him without an order. I said that the Lahore Government should investigate the matter, and that all expenses incurred should be paid out of his own hereditary lands. Dewan Deena Nath informs me that the sum of 1,50,000 rupees will shortly be sent to Peshawur for the payment of the troops. I enquired if Baba Dheerput, who murdered his brothers and mother, has been taken? Sowars have been sent for the purpose. I am sorry to hear that some chuprassees belonging to the Commissariat, sent to buy sheep in some villages belonging to the Lahore Government, have been guilty of oppression, but they have been seized, as also will all others who are guilty of the same offence. I also hope that the guard appointed over Muluk Futteh Khan will treat him with proper consideration. A specimen of the Maharajah's writing is exhibited. I desired that all pay due to the dismissed Sowars should be made good, and, after making a remark on the unsettled method of administering justice in Peshawur, dismissed the Durbar.

24th March.

1. A *setaful* of 250 rupees is given to General Golab Singh of the Kohistanee Corps at the representation of Shere Singh. 175 Kohistanee Sepoys are dismissed.

2. The sum of 4,50,000 rupees arrives from Dewan Moolraj of Mooltan.

3. Runjore Singh is ordered to build a new jail, 100 paces from the powder magazine, the site of the present one; expense to be defrayed by Government.

4. Peshawur papers arrive. The regular troops had complained of their pay being cut in fractions on account of absence on various days. Major Lawrence told them it was the old custom and could not be altered. It shall be seen to.

5. The zemindars of Sanghoyan, Choutalai, Rhotas, and some others complain of the extortion of Misr Roop Lall. A *perwanah* is addressed to him.

6. Some zemindars from Allamana, in the *ilakah* of Dhamtal, complain to Dewan Deena Nath of Jowahur Mul, Kardar, who has killed a zemindar. After taking their depositions, he refers them to Sirdar Runjore Singh.

25th March.

1. Sirdar Shere Singh feasts the Brahmins of the City and their daughters at his own house, as Sirdar Tej Singh did yesterday at his.

2. Dewan Deena Nath gives 4 lakhs of rupees for distribution among troops as follows :—Dismissed Sowars and others : Lahore Troops and dismissed (*sic*). Seven or eight lakhs more are required for paying all the Sowars, four of which are coming from Mooltan, while the rents for the month of March will help to pay up the remainder.

3. Sirdar Shumshere Singh, Sindhanwallah, writes that he will come to Lahore after he has made the revenue settlement of Durnoo. He is told in reply to accompany Captain Edwardes whenever he comes.

4. A donation to the amount of 1,050 rupees is ordered to be distributed among the soldiers and officers of the Fort of Lukkee.

5. Some zemindars of Ahnoppatee again present themselves to the Sirdars regarding the murder in a boundary dispute of one of their fellows, named Ram Singh, by the soldiers of Sirdar Nahur Singh, Attareewallah. When they first came to the Sirdars, nothing was done for them ; so they came up to the Residency Kutchery, whence a *perwanah* was issued, after taking their depositions, ordering the murderers to be seized.

26th March.

1. It is reported that Dewan Jowahur Mul spends a great deal of money on dancing girls, and that the son of Dewan Moolraj, Nazim of Pind Dadun Khan, spends 400 rupees monthly on the same object.

2. Adeem Singh, Banker of Pind Dadun Khan, sends a complaint that he has been robbed of 3,000 rupees by Dewan Moolraj, Nazim.

3. News of my intended entertainment for the evening reaches the Durbar. The only remark is elicited from Tej Singh, who imagines that there will be plenty to eat.

4. Runjore Singh orders a muster of all the chowkeedars, and kotwalce, and at their petition distributes 2,000 rupees towards paying off their arrears.

5. The officers in the fort of Govindgurh are ordered to evacuate in favour of Moulvee Taj-ood-deen. One horse is presented to Goormookh Singh.

6. A Sowar, with some wounds on his head, appeals to Runjore Singh for justice, which is immediately promised.

7. Dewan Deena Nath complains of having been stopped at the Delhi Gate. It appears that he had gone out by that gate, but re-admission was refused by the sepoy as well as the officer on duty, who told him that neither he nor his guard were to come through, in consequence of which he was obliged to return home another way. I had ordered the Delhi, Mustee, Bhatee, and Lahore Gates to be open to the ingress and egress of the Sirdars; why then opposition in this case?

8. News from Jhelum states that the grain-sellers have shut up their stores, there being now a scarcity of corn. A *farmanah* is sent ordering them to open their shops.

9. Mistr Rulla Ram is ordered to prevent his Kardars stirring up their old boundary disputes anew, and to make them adhere to what has been customary.

10. Dewan Moolraj of Mooltan relates in a letter that he has obtained a certificate of good conduct from Captain Edwards; but that when that Officer passed through Pind Dadun Khan, the zemindars and others of that place came full of complaints to him. A letter of approval is sent.

11. The Peshawur papers notice the activity of Major G. Lawrence in administering justice, and that he was present at the payment of the troops.

12. The Sirdars talk of Dewan Moolraj who, it appears, has been inducing the zemindars of Kadirabad, etc., not to complain at Lahore, but to wait a little time, as he hopes to get all the *ilakhs* in that neighbourhood into his own hands.

13. Bunnoo news. The zemindars say that the value of forage taken by the Sowars belonging to the Lahore Government, and something on account of the fugitive *assames*, may be given. Captain Edwardes orders both to be included in the collection of revenue as so much paid, amounting on the whole to 1 lakh 30,000 rupees. Dewan Deena Nath and Sirdar Tej Singh remark that wherever the Lahore troops go, they bring back every pice of the revenue, but that the officers also take tens of thousands of rupees, as well as horses, by way of *nuzars* from the Malikis. If forage given is to be considered as revenue there will be nothing got from the zemindars; for notwithstanding 1 lakh 30,000 rupees are due from them, not one pice will be paid.

14. Peshawur papers. Major G. Lawrence threatens with expulsion from office the officers of Sirdar Uttar Singh on account of inattention to orders, and directs that proper justice and attention should be paid to ryots and zemindars.

27th March.

1. The Maharanee tells the Maharajah that when Maharajah Runjeet Singh was as old as he was, he looked pretty sharply after the Government himself. The Maharajah replied that he did not interfere in Government affairs yet, but left that to me, and that he should spend his time in reading and writing.

2. Dewan Deena Nath consoles the zemindars of Manjha by telling them that no more oppression shall be practised on them.

3. Dewan Deena Nath impresses on Sirdar Runjore Singh the necessity of submitting to Government the revenue papers of the Kohistan.

4. The Durbar is attended by me and three of my Assistants at the Palace. In reply to an enquiry I am told that the only prisoners in the Fort of Attock are the sons of Arsala Khan (gone to Hindoostan) and a few others. I suggested their release on security. I press Dewan Deena Nath on the subject of getting money due from the

Kardars and enquire whether Sirdar Kaub Singh has gone with the Sowars to Peshawur. They have gone. I then bring forward the subject of Jehangeer's tomb at Shahdherah, speak of its beauty and renown, and suggest that it be not occupied, and for the future that a guard may be placed there for its protection.

28th March.

1. Baba Dheerput, the man who murdered his son and brother, has been taken and has promised to confess all.

2. General Goordut Singh represents that the people of Peshawur make false complaints to Major G. Lawrence and that the news-writer of that place pens many falsities, and is also open to bribery. A *parwanah* is sent to the news-writer.

3. A number of presents, to be distributed as alms on the day of the eclipse of the sun, are shewn to the Maharajah.

4. Sirdar Shere Singh, Attareewalah, is ordered to send some of his troops to garrison the fort of Manawur.

5. Some boys in the Maharajah's "own" juvenile Regiment are ordered to be seized on account of having wantonly wounded a zemindar in Marlan.

6. Jeewun Singh, Commandant, on duty at Dera Baba Nanuk, is ordered to shut up the gambling and drinking shops, as they are the sources of disturbance and bloodshed.

7. Sirdar Runjore Singh is ordered to pay to Government every pice that he receives in his *adalat* as the premium on justice.

8. Munglee Lal begs that the office of Vakeel may be bestowed on him, but he receives no answer from the Sirdars.

9. Thirteen highwaymen, who robbed and killed a man on the Amritsur road, have been taken by the sepoy of Jeewun Singh, Commander of Amritsur.

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VISITS PAID AND RECEIVED.

20th March.

General Ram Singh, Jullahwalla—on return from leave. Imamooddeen, Vakeel of Sirdar Shere Singh—for his master. Kazee Mohkumdeen, Jummoo Vakeel—with Hazara intelligence. Syud Moortuza Shah, Vilayuttee—to answer complaint of having brought away a man of Peshawur's wife on plea of being a Cabool captive.

Ajib Singh, Vakeel of Sirdar Runjore Singh—to complain that the Manjha is taken from his master and given to Sirdar Lehna Singh. Goormookh Singh, Lumman, with Bukabee Ram Singh and Dewan Ram Kishun—ceremony. Fakcer Noorooddeen and Golab Singh, brother of Sirdar Shere Singh—to take us to Durbar.

21st March.

Kazee Mohkumdeen, Jummoo Vakeel.

22nd March.

Mool Singh, Vakeel of Sirdar Tej Singh—with Durbar intelligence. Syud Moortuza Shah, Vilayuttee—with Jellalabad news-letters. Sirdar Shere Singh; Imamooddeen, Vakeel of ditto—to talk of Peshawur. Gunda Singh, Motbir of Sirdar Shumshere Singh, Sindhanwalla, and Gholam Moohseeooddeen Shah, Motbir of Sirdar Kehur Singh, Sindhanwalla—with a letter from his master about his *jagerr*.

Rai Kishun Chund, Vakeel of Lahore—Durbar affairs. Choonnee Lal, Jamadar of Harkaras—personal and ceremonious.

23rd March.

Hurree Singh, Shikarpooria, who went to Peshawur with Major G. Lawrence—on return from escorting Major Lawrence. Bhurul Singh, Vakeel of Shere Mahomed Khan of Scinde—for his master. Asa Nund, Vakeel of Mooltan—ditto. Sirdar Tej Singh; Dewan Deena Nath; Rai Kishun Chund, Lahore Vakeel; Goormookh Singh, Lumman; Bawa Meean Singh; General Goordut Singh, Majeethia; Sirdar Shere Singh; Sirdar Golab Singh; Sheikh Imamooddeen; Lalah Anunt Ram, Moolehoo; Ruttun Chund, Dooggul of Wuzeerabad; Dewan Baisakha Singh; Sirdar Uttur Singh, Kallanwalah; Sirdar Lal Singh, son

of Sirdar Uttar Singh; Fakeer Noorooddeen; Sirdar Partab Singh, Munhuyas (*sic*); Rajah Fuzldad Khan of Rhotas; Sirdar Boor Singh, Officer of Rajah Heera Singh's Horse; Dewan Hurnam Singh of the Derah of Rajah Heera Singh; Colonel Ram Singh; Ruttun Chund, Darheewalah; Sirdar Singh, son of Futtch Singh, Man; Chunda Singh, Petoewalah, and Khooshee Ram, Vakeel of Sirdar Lehna Singh—public Durbar.

24th March.

Sirdar Sham Singh, Ghunyanwahlah—ceremony. Akhoo Fuzl Ali, Motbir of the Derah of Nuwah Ismaeel Khan—for his master, Ram Millawali, Vakeel of Aloowalia—with letter. Bhaee Mukhun Singh Grunthee, native of Amritsur—to get a protection paper.

Kazee Mohkumooddeen, Jummoo Vakeel—with Jummoo news. Lalah Guneshdass, Vakeel of Sirdar Uttar Singh, Kaliahwalah—to ask to have Jalundhar *jagerr* released.

25th March.

Sirdar Boor Singh and Soodh Singh—on former's arrival from Hazara. Aea Nund, Vakeel of Mooltan.

All Ruzakhan, Vilayuttee—to ask for a charge. Rae Kishun Chund, Lahore Vakeel—Durbar affairs.

27th March.

Fakeer Tejooddeen—to take leave for Gobind Gurh. Mool Singh, Vakeel of Sirdar Tej Singh—Durbar affairs. Rae Kishun Chund—for ditto. Bhace Ameer Singh.

Bawa Luchmun Singh—for Sirdar Lehna Singh. Fakeer Noorooddeen and Sirdar Golab Singh—to take us to Durbar.

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**Political Diary of the Agent, Governor-General, North-
West Frontier, and Resident at Lahore, from
29th March to the 4th April 1847.**

SUMMARY OF PUNJAB INTELLIGENCE.

29th March.

1. 500 Sepoys are discharged from the Kohistanee Corps; and an inquiry is instituted regarding the murder of Colonel Boodh Singh.

2. News arrives that three highwaymen have been captured by the Thanadar of Goojraun.

3. Sirdar Runjore Singh is ordered to make over the case of Baba Dheerput, the murderer of his mother and brothers, to Sirdar Lehna Singh, Majeethia.

4. Ruttun Singh is appointed Thanadar of Manowar.

5. Sayud Goolshah is ordered to restore 500 rupees unlawfully taken by him from the zemindars.

6. Jewun Singh, Commandant of Baba Nanak, is ordered to shut up all the gambling and spirit shops in that place.

7. The zemindars of Rawul Pindiee complain bitterly against Kishun Kowar, their Kardar, and say that if he remains they must go.

8. Mir Ameer Chund is reproved by Dewan Deena Nath for being careless in keeping the list of the Kardars; inasmuch as it makes out that five different Kardars have been appointed to one place during one year. This is a subject on which I had often spoken to the Dewan.

30th March.

1. Ruttun Chund, Dogul, is sent to see what he can get out of Mulluk Futteh Khan; but the latter declares that he will not pay anything till they let him go. He proposes having his sons imprisoned in his stead, paying half the amount now for the benefit of the exchange, the remainder to be paid at leisure.

2. Dewan Deena Nath finds that the sums of 24,000 rupees and 12,000 rupees have been received respectively by Mir Ameer Chund and Mir Bhugwan during their Kardarships in excess of that acknowledged to have been received by them.

3. Mir Sahib Deenal is ordered to disgorge 12,000 rupees received by him as fines for murders.

4. Lieutenant Taylor conducts the Sirdars to Durbar from the Palace to the Residency at Anarkullée. Among many other topics I remark that the murderers of the Banker have been captured at Ferozepore. Also after reading the Peshawur letters, I observe that there are very few stores in the arsenal at Peshawur; and ask whether my suggestion that some Sirdar should go as *adabulée* to that place has been taken up? Some one is to be appointed. I suggest that new Kardars shall be appointed to Rawul Pindee, Chuch, and Khatir. Sirdar Lehna Singh introduces the case of Baba Dheerput Singh, who, it appears from his deposition, was induced to murder his mother and brothers on account of some dispute regarding his hereditary estate. A suitable punishment is recommended and the Durbar promise to inflict it. Maharajah Golab Singh has sent 7 lakhs to the English; the Sirdars are told to receive the said sum from the Jummo Vakeel and apply it to Durbar purposes. I inquire if the 4 lakhs of rupees have come from Dewan Moolraj of Mooltan? No. I then mention the bad conduct of the Sowars at Talmiah to travellers, and desire that a *perwannah* be sent to the Kardar telling him to look after them. The Durbar is dismissed.

5. Peshawur papers are read by Sirdar Tej Singh. It appears that Major G. Lawrence has dismissed from office Kazeo Saud Ulla on account of not deciding his cases and receiving bribes. The Sirdars approve.

6. Rajah Rubeem Ullah Khan's death is reported.

31st March

1. The Durbar propose opening a loan of 7 or 8 lakhs of rupees at $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent per annum. This is approved of by me.

2. A number of troops are discharged.

3. A discussion is held regarding the number of sinecure offices about the Court, and a proposal of turning off all who do not work for their bread is made.

4. Bhaces Dul Singh, Surjun Singh, and Mahnoon Singh are appointed to the districts of Rawul Pindee, Chuch, and Rhotas, as Kardars. Sheikh Gholam Hoosein offers an increase of 80,000 rupees per annum if the three estates are placed under his charge.

5. Dewan Hakim Rai, father of the ex-Kardar of Rawul Pindee, comes and relates his grievances to the Durbar, remonstrates against his son's removal from Rawul Pindee, and suggests the plea of good service in Cashmere. In reply he is told that both he and Shere Singh have *jageers* and are not expected to live on the revenues of Rawul Pindee, and as to his services in Cashmere he had better say nothing about them as he had got off very well considering what he had done.

6. Another order is sent to the Nazim of Mooltan's Vakeel reminding him of the instalments still due. He promises their speedy delivery.

7. Dewan Hakim Rai being afraid that the zemindars of Rawul Pindee will do violence to his son Kishun Kowar, the ex-Kardar, when they know he is to be removed, took an opportunity of quietly asking Tej Singh and Dewan Deena Nath to allow him to come away at once. Permission was granted.

1st April.

1. The Vakeel of Dewan Moolraj of Mooltan is told that the Government and I will be much displeased if he does not speedily send in the instalments due from him.

2. Major Pal Singh reported that he had gone to Sirdar Runjore Singh for the papers of the Jullunder (*sic*), but had been put off with frivolous excuses. Dewan Deena Nath was angry and told him to go again and desire Runjore Singh to give up the papers to Sirdar Lehna Singh.

3. Orders sent to Peshawur to General Golab Singh and Mehtab Singh regarding the punishment of Ruttun Singh, Sepahi, as recommended by me. His case was this. Two Sepahis quarrelled and fought; one was killed, the other imprisoned. Ruttun Singh went to the guard-room and in the face of the sentry attacked the prisoner with a sword and wounded him. I called the attention of the Durbar to the atrocity and to the proof it afforded of the looseness of discipline. The culprit has been sentenced to 15 years' imprisonment, the guard dismissed, and General Mehtab Singh's serious attention called to the state of his regiments.

4. The people of Unrishtur complain of the oppression of the customs farmers.

5. Dewan Deena Nath brings forward a complaint made by the shopkeepers and merchants of Lahore that an exorbitant tax was charged on their goods. He says this charge is entirely false; that traders sell at Lahore one rupee's worth for ten; but that if what they said proved after investigation to be true and I should wish it, a diminution of duty should be made.

6. Other papers from Peshawur state that Major G. Lawrence is very busy in administering justice, and that having heard of the oppression of the Thanadar of Attock, he has hinted at the appointment of Sirdar Aotar Singh's officers for the purpose of investigating the matter.

7. The *jagerr* of Dewan Ganput Rai, a Ghorehura Officer, given by Rajah Lall Singh, is diminished by Dewan Deena Nath from 10,000 rupees to 3,000 rupees.

8. Several highwaymen from Amritsar have been brought here by Baba Luchmun Singh, the Agent of Sirdar Lehna Singh, who inquires of me as to what will be a suitable punishment and is told to adhere to the Lahore practice in like cases.

9. Dewan Deena Nath announces in a loud voice to the Durbar my wish that the numbers and wages of the officers of Government as well as their *jaggers* should be diminished, but that slowly, in order that people may not be alarmed. It is well received by the Sirdars.

2nd April.

1. The Maharanee visits the Shalimar Gardens.

2. Dewan Moolraj of Mooltan is allowed 6,265 rupees for paying expenses of the Fort of Munkera.

3. An order is given for calling some witnesses from Baba Nanuk to give evidence in the case of Baba Dheerput.

4. Agreeably to the instructions sent from the Resident's *Cutcherry* a *perwannah* is issued to Dewan Moolraj of Mooltan ordering the seizure of his sowar Ahmed Khan and others who were concerned in the murder of a zemindar.

5. Mooltan papers announce the arrival of Captain Nicholson in that place; and notice that only one officer and Dewan Moolraj's brother went out to meet him, and that he made some observation on

the subject. He makes observations on the prevalence of crime and the Dewan's laxity in punishing it; a remark commented upon by the Sirdars of the Durbar to the effect that all criminals should be immediately seized.

6. Dewan Deena Nath has arranged for the sending of the revenue of the spring crop of Rawul Pindee, Chuch, Khatir, &c., to the Fort of Attock for Peshawur purposes.

7. Peshawur papers state that Sirdar Aotar Singh has caused the removal of the sons of Ursulla Khan, Zubindawalla, from the Fort of Attock to Peshawur.

8. Bukhshee Jowahir Mull says that Major G. Lawrence is displeased at the system of granting free passes to goods of officers and chiefs, and that no more should be issued.

9. Major G. Lawrence proposes to Naib Shereef Khan to take the farm of the customs at 1,10,000 rupees per annum; but the Naib declines it at even 85,000 rupees.

10. From Bunnoo papers it appears that Lieutenant Edwardes has arrived at Kamoola Pamana and that the zemindars of the country have been much pleased at him and his people paying for everything they took. Dewan Dowlut Rai has written Lieutenant Edwardes a letter saying that the zemindars of Lukkee and Kukkee have made complaints against him, but that Lieutenant Edwardes is not to believe a word they say.

11. 2,500 Brahmins are feasted by the Maharajah.

12. Grievous complaints are made by the zemindars of Sookhoo against Sirdar Shere Singh and his agents. Dewan Deena Nath reminds the Sirdar that it is against my orders any chief holding a farm and advises him giving up Sookhoo.

3rd April,

1. By my desire, Bukhshee Bhaggut Ram is ordered to send to Peshawur 2,40,000 rupees of the Jummoo cash lent to the Durbar for payment of the Regular Troops and Rangoles.

2. The Durbar in the Palace is attended in the evening by me and three of my Assistants. Letters from Bunnoo and Peshawur are presented to me. I first refer to a notice issued by me that both the givers and

receivers of bribes shall be considered guilty and incapable of ever holding office again. I then advert to the fact of 1,500 Sepoys stationed at Peshawur being absent from their posts and desire that they may be ordered to join; and advise that revenue which shall be accumulated in any district be sent to the strongest fort in the neighbourhood for protection. I refer to a proposition made by me for making remittances to their homes of soldiers' pay, allude to the Ramgole Regiments having become clamorous for their pay; and recommend that sufficient money be sent to pay them up. A remark on the great deficiency of horses and camels in the magazine of Peshawur is made by me; and I also propose that the elephant sheds shall be in future established outside the town of Lahore and that elephants shall not come within the walls of the town. I ask if treasure chests have been sent to each Kardaree; a promise is given that these several suggestions shall be acted upon. I promise to procure a musical box for the Maharajah. The Durbar is dismissed.

4th April.

1. Six Kohistanee Regiments are to be forthwith discharged.
2. An order is given for fixing the elephant sheds outside the town.
3. Bukhshee Bhuggut Ram is ordered to discharge six regiments arrived from Peshawur, as also is Sirdar Uttur Singh, Kalawalla, to discharge 700 of the Sowars which belonged to Rajah Heera Singh.
4. Bukhshee Bhuggut Ram is ordered to prepare rolls of the troops in the various cantonments in the forms required by me.
5. Jahoon Mull (*sic*) is appointed Agent of the Salt Mines at Peshawur; and the subject of buying horses for the Artillery of that place is mooted. A muster of the Artillery horses at Lahore is ordered for selection to be sent to Peshawur.
6. Sirdar Runjore Singh is, in the course of the day, twice reprimanded by the Durbar for carelessness in administering justice and in not sending up the revenue accounts of the Manjha, which he is desired to give over to Sirdar Lehna Singh. He says that he wishes to resign his post at the *adlut* as he has too much to do; but Dewan Deena Nath advises him to brace up his nerves and that all will be well yet.

7. Mooltan papers relate that Dewan Moolraj has captured several criminals and among them his sowar, Ahmed Khan.

8. A complaint is made by Ahmed, Chokhyat, against Maharajah Golab Singh on account of seizing and stopping pensions and religious endowments, in consequence of which an order is issued to Mier Megh Raj to provide him with a daily maintenance of 12 annas.

9. My wish that some of the money coming from Jummoo shall be immediately sent to Peshawur for payment of troops is expressed to the Durbar. 3 lakhs out of 7 are ordered to be sent.

10. Agreeably to Sirdar Shumshere Singh's request, the regular troops stationed at Bunnoo are to be allowed batta payable from the date of their crossing the Attock.

11. Sirdar Shere Singh prays the Durbar to grant him and his brother Sirdar Golab Singh a *jageer* apiece.

12. A serious altercation takes place between Dewan Deena Nath and Sirdars Tej Singh and Shere Singh regarding the farm of Sookhoo. Shere Singh hints that they too hold farms, but is challenged to prove his words. Tej Singh tells him he is a boy and Deena Nath begs him not to be angry, but that the fact is that since he and his brothers went to Peshawur all has gone wrong there, and adds that it is paltry in him to make profits out of short musters of horsemen, Ramgoles, Artillery, etc., and it would be much better to go to me and ask for a *jageer*. Shere Singh is very angry.

13. Copies of Major George Lawrence's Peshawur Diary from 21st to 27th ultimo and Lieutenant Edwardes' Bunnoo Diary from 25th to 30th ultimo are enclosed.

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VISITS PAID AND RECEIVED.

29th March.

Sirdar Runjore Singh; Sirdar Umur Singh; Sirdars Kanh Singh and Soojun Singh, Majeethia; and Fowrun Singh, Motmid of Sirdar Runjore Singh—to discuss the dispute and come to a settlement between Sirdars Lehna Singh and Runjore Singh, which failed through the cowardice of the arbitrators, Sirdars Kanh Singh and Umur Singh.

Meer Shere Mahomed Khan, Scindhee, with Sadiq and Hashim, Khidmutgars, and Bhurul Singh, Vakeel—to say where he would wish to live apart from Scinde.

Kazee Mohkam-oo-deen, Jummo Vakeel—with Jummo remittances, &c.

Dewan Deena Nath—various Durbar affairs, especially revenue.

30th March.

Kazee Mohkam-oo-deen, Jummo Vakeel—with papers.

Mool Singh, Vakeel of Sirdar Tej Singh—ditto.

Rae Kishun Chund, Lahore Vakeel—ditto.

Moulvee Muksood Ali, native of Azeemabad, one of the late insurgents in Huzara—on way home to Hindoostan.

Sirdar Tej Singh; Sirdar Shere Singh; Dewan Deena Nath; Buksh-e Bhuiggut Ram; Sheikh Imam-oo-deen; Sirdar Lehna Singh and Sirdar Runjore Singh, Majeethias; Bhace Nidhan Singh; Sirdar Uttar Singh, Kallanwallah; General Ram Singh, Jullahwallah; Dewan Hakim Rai; Ram Chund, Moharwallah; Hurdut Singh, Puthania; Pundit Radha Kishun; Baha Mohyan Singh; Ruttun Singh, Mundeewallah; Mir Saheb Deel, son of Mir Rullea; Bhace Oomahoo Singh and Bhace Dul Singh, brothers; Jullal Khan, Bhuttee; General Golab Singh, Majeethia; Sirdar Boor Singh; Fakeer Noor-oo-deen, Lallah Choonee Lall, Vakeel of Maharajah; Lallah Anunt Ram, Moochhoo; Sirdar Surdool Singh and Sirdar Jowala Singh, sons of Futteh Singh, Man; Khooshial Singh, Nihung; Sirdar Jhunda Singh; Lali Singh, Morartea; and Shakh Khan, son of Rajah Fuzl Dad Khan of Rhotas—public Durbar.

31st March.

Fakeer Noor-oo-deen—long private talk on various matters of public interest.

Ram Dass, Duffuree of Peshawur—to discuss Peshawur accounts.

Asa Nund, Vakeel of Mooltan—to talk of his master having made a remittance.

Kazee Mohkum-oo-deen, Juminoo Vakeel, and Ruttun Chund, Dufferec of Sheikh Imam-oo-deen—to talk of settlement of accounts among the parties.

Baba Bishun Singh, Baironwallia—Jullunder *jagter*.

Chowdrees Tukht Mol, Nursingh Dass, Tek Chund, Kishun Chund, Meean Ditta, Muyya and Sheonath, Nuhroyah, Sahookars of Umritsur; Punchayat of Umritsur—to talk of loan to Durbar.

Baba Luchmun Singh, Motbir of Sirdar Lehna Singh—for his master.

Misr Sahab Decal, son of Misr Rubees—with Umritsur Panches.

Akhoonzadah Gholam Mohee-oo-deen, Motbir of Sirdar Sultan Mahomed Khan—about Shahderah *jagter*.

Khaire-oo-deen, Kotwal of Umritsur—with highwaymen apprehended in Manjha.

Palindah Khan of Candahar.

1st April.

Baba Fakeer Buksh with his son Purtab Buksh, native of Derah Baba Nanuk—complimentary.

Mahomed Arif, Vakeel of Nawab Surfuraz Khan—to invite me to his house.

Akhoonzadah Gholam Mohee-oo-deen, Motbir of Sirdar Sultan Mahomed Khan—Shahderah *jagter*.

2nd April.

Jowala Singh, son of Futteh Singh, Man. Rajah Bhuwannce Singh, with his son Futteh Singh of Jescrowta.

3rd April.

Fakeer Noor-oo-deen.

Sirdar Golab Singh.

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Political Diary of the Agent, Governor-General, North-West Frontier, and Resident at Lahore, from the 5th to the 11th of April 1847

SUMMARY OF PUNJAB INTELLIGENCE.

5th April.

1. The zemindars of Sakhookée complain to the Durbar of the extortion and oppression of Sirdars Chuttur Singh and Shere Singh; in consequence Sirdars Lehna Singh and Tej Singh and Dewan Deena Nath remind Sirdar Shere Singh of my recent proclamation. He replies that it was not issued for him alone. After some altercation, Shere Singh is induced to resign the *ilakah*, together with those of Tarala and Kalar, when all three are made over to Sirdar Dhurum Singh, late of Khye.

2. A *perwannah* is sent to Sirdar Runjore Singh blaming him for having made complaints of the members of the Durbar to me, and telling him that if he wants any more money for building the gaol, &c., he is to send in a petition and his accounts, and at all events to go about the business quickly.

3. At the representation of the Punch at Umritsur, the tax on carts and hackeries entering and leaving the towns of Lahore and Umritsur is remitted.

4. Sirdar Lehna Singh, Majeethia, is ordered to have the butchers' shops in the *ilakah* of Umritsur closed for 5 days during each month, as was formerly the custom.

5. Buunnoo Intelligence relates that there is much sickness among the people of that place and that there are no doctors. It states that Lieutenant Edwardes has given away a great deal in charity to the poor, and has proposed that the Lahore Government shall, for the future, appoint some physicians in the place.

6. Sirdar Lehna Singh shows to the Durbar my proclamation forbidding Europeans from entering the holy temples of Umritsur with their shoes on, killing cows in Umritsur, or interfering in any manner with the Sikhs of that place. This notice is ordered to be shown to all Europeans visiting Umritsur; and the Durbar officials remark that as cow-killing is forbidden, it will be an act of kindness for me to proclaim the fact throughout the Punjab.

7. An order is given for sending 50 horses to the arsenal at Peshawur.

8. Dewan Deena Nath has an interview with me.

9. In consequence of the supersession of Sirdar Chuttur Singh by Sirdar Dhurum Singh in the forts of Sakhookkee, Kalar, Tarala, etc., Sirdar Shere Singh, Attareewala, has sent his Vakeel, Sheekh Imam-oo-deen, to remove a quantity of goods, &c., collected by him in those forts during the possession of Sirdar Chuttur Singh, his father, and under the idea that they would remain in his hands.

6th April.

1. Kazee Mohkum-oo-deen tells Sirdar Tej Singh that another spy with information concerning Preyma has come to him, and begs that some men may be sent for the purpose of seizing him. Request granted after a little demur.

2. The slight ebullition of feeling between Sirdars Shere Singh and Tej Singh is suppressed by the intervention of Rae Kishun Chund and Sirdar Jhunda Singh.

3. Sirdar Lehna Singh disputes the right of Sirdar Runjore Singh, his half-brother, to any part of his hereditary estates, on the plea of his being his father's son by a slave-girl, and says that if the Durbar apporportion any part of them to him, he shall be much against the measure. Sirdar Tej Singh tells them to come and ask my advice. I have in vain endeavoured to arbitrate.

4. Rae Kishun Chund calls the attention of the Durbar to my notification that no Sirdar is to take any contract for an *ilakah* or to give one to his dependants. He says that he holds two contracts himself, but that he will speak to me, and, if necessary, give them up. Sirdar Tej Singh and others say that they do not approve of contracting for districts in the Lahore territory.

5. A petition sent to me by Sirdar Sooltan Mahomed Khan, regarding the restoration of Shahdera, is shown to the Durbar by Rae Kishun Chund; and the conclusion arrived at is that it shall not be restored until his sons arrive at Lahore; and in case of their not coming, that it shall be given to Ibrahim Khan, the old man's son by a slave-girl.

6. Some Artillerymen are discharged.

7. The traders and merchants of Pind Dadun Khan complain against their Nazim for not paying attention to the business of the salt mines, and spending his time in drinking and debauchery.

8. Mr. Melvill conducts the Chiefs from the Palace to the Durbar at Anarkullee. Dewan Deena Nath presents me with a statement of the rules of the Rangole Regiment; and in reply to a question informs me that the three lakhs of rupees coming from Jumnoo will be sent on to Peshawur to-morrow. Sirdar Lehna Singh mentions that some of the inhabitants of Dera Baba Nanuk have come respecting Baba Dheerput's case, which is to be tried immediately. Strict inquiry is to be made regarding the law of retaliation in cases of this sort; and at the time of inflicting the punishment all offensive weapons are to be taken from the inhabitants and sent to Lahore. All the drinking and gambling houses in that place have been closed. I inquire as to what Mulla Nujeeb is doing and am informed that a *jagier* of 700 rupees having been refused by him, another of 1,000 rupees has been granted. I request that the revenue accounts of Chueh, Khatir and Rawul Pindee may be sent up, and that the contract book of each village may be shown to every zemindar, in order to prevent extortion in collecting the revenue. In reply to a question I am informed that an instalment has arrived from Mooltan; and Dewan Deena Nath promises that some money shall be appropriated for the troops in Bunnoo as Lieutenant Edwardes has written to me informing me of the want of it. I express to the Chiefs and the whole Durbar my anxiety for the proper discharge of their duties by the Kardars in respect of collecting the revenue and treating the ryots well, mentioning that in case of satisfactory results I should beg for an increase of their pay. The Durbar is dismissed.

7th April.

1. Peshawur papers state that the inhabitants of that place have been in the habit of bringing false complaints before Major G. Lawrence, who has reproved both the zemindars and ryots, and that they do not now come. A remark is made by some of the Chiefs that Major G. Lawrence is advancing rapidly in the work of settling the district.

2. The zemindars of Murwat in Bunnoo have complained of their over-assessment by Dowlut Rai.

3. Two months' leave is granted to Generals Bahadoor Singh and Boodh Singh, Man.

4. Rawul Pindce papers. The servants of Dewan Hakim Rai have been employed in removing property, goods, &c., from the forts in the neighbourhood; and the zemindars complain of extortion.

5. A message is sent to the several Ranees intimating the approach of Dewan Deena Nath to the seraglio for the purpose of hearing their respective claims, &c. A report is to be sent to me.

6. Sirdar Aotar Singh represents that there are many bad criminal cases now pending in Peshawur and is anxious for a hint. He is told to refer everything to Major G. Lawrence.

7. Sirdar Lehna Singh refers to my wish expressed to him that one house and some wells in his paternal estate should be given to Sirdar Runjore Singh. He says that inconvenience will arise from this, and that such a settlement is forbidden by the Dhurm Shasters, but that he will nevertheless act according to my desire.

8. Rae Kishun Chund prays for the appointment of Munglee Lall in the place of Fakcer Chiragh-oo-deen; but is told to be silent on the subject. Sirdar Tej Singh consoles Fakcer Noor-oo-deen on this point also. The family of the Fakeers have the *best claim* to the berth.

8th April.

1. The Vakeels of Sirdars Runjore Singh and Lehna Singh having, in my presence, sealed and signed an agreement on the part of their respective masters for the final settlement, I considered the matter closed, when, to my surprise, next day came Runjore Singh's disapproval of his agent's act and denial of his authority. In like manner he had a fortnight before frightened his two kinsmen, Sirdars Rauh Singh and Ummur Singh, into declining to put on paper their adjudication for fear of his enmity. They were unmanly enough to allow to me that they dared not for their lives' sake, on which I told them in the presence of Runjore Singh and the Vakeels that if either Runjore Singh or Lehna Singh touched a hair of either of their heads in consequence of their

arbitration, I would have him hung up under the walls of Lahore just as soon as I would have his sweeper. I remarked they must understand that the reign of the *boorchas* (soldiery) had passed. This is not a bad specimen of what may be expected from many of the Sirdars. These fellows were willing to plunder Sirdar Lehna Singh and to allow Runjore Singh to carry off every rupee of the proceeds of Lehna Singh's estates for the last three years; but as an illegitimate son, they would not acknowledge his right to a share in the lands of the patrimonial well of land in Majeethia, and yet, though they knew they were backed by the feeling of the country and had been selected as arbitrators by Runjore Singh himself, they feared to record their verdict. On Runjore Singh's denial of his Vakeel's authority, I referred the papers to the Durbar, on which this day Sirdar Tej Singh and Dewan Deena Nath for two good hours lectured Runjore Singh on his perverseness. He is shortly after ordered to make over all cases between the Beas and Ravee to Sirdar Lehna Singh.

2. 14,905 rupees are granted to Fakeer Noor-oo-deen for building purposes.

3. The European by name Gardner, who obtained the rank of Colonel for cutting off a Brahmin's nose, ears, and right thumb by order of the late Sirdar Jowahir Singh, is discharged from the Sikh service and his *jageer* resumed.

4. Dewan Hakim Rai, agreeably to my suggestion, is appointed to the *adulut* of Peshawur.

5. A *jageer* of 200 rupees is given to Colonel Pal Singh.

6. In consequence of reports of travellers on the roads of Goojranwallah and Ameenabad being plundered, Sirdar Utur Singh, Kalawallah, is ordered to post 10 sowars at each of these places.

7. A decided order is given for keeping all elephants, except those used for Government purposes, outside the town of Lahore.

8. The *ilakah* of Shahdera is taken away from Sirdar Sulian Mahomed Khan in consequence of his sons having gone to Peshawur.

9. Dr. Martin Honigberger is ordered to attend all sick prisoners

10. The *jagirs*, &c., of Jumiyat Rae and Dervee Ditta (the latter's amounting to 2,000 rupees) are resumed.

9th April.

1. Dewan Hakim Rae, being desired to go to his business at Peshawur, says he will go, but requests that the Kardaree of that place may be given him, promising that he will manage both the *adalats* and it with the greatest care. Refused.

2. Some zemindars complain of the extortion of Rae Kishun Chund. He is reprimanded.

3. Baba Meean Singh with Sirdar Bhoor Singh are sent to hear the various claims of the Ranees of the late Shere Singh and others. They all agree to abide by my decision.

4. The mothers of Peshora Singh and Cashmeera Singh have arrived in Lahore for the purpose of laying complaints against their own servants and Baba Uttur Singh before the Durbar.

5. From the Bunnoo papers it appears that both Lieutenant Edwardes and Shumabere Singh met with a downright refusal from General Cortlandt when desired by them to keep one of his regiments at the Fort of Lukkee near Bunnoo. The Sirdars condemn his conduct.

6. Some evil-disposed person has spread a report in the city that we intend seizing on the Fort, keeping the Maharajah and his mother in the Summun Boorj, making in fact virtual prisoners of them, and sending Sirdar Tej Singh to Peshawur!

10th April.

1. Sirdar Shumabere Singh complains that Dewan Moolraj of Mooltan will not send any money, a large quantity of which is wanted for the troops. A *takeed* is sent.

2. Dewan Deena Nath having had an interview with me returns to the Durbar and relates portions of the conversation which took place. The principal topics were—the refusal of General Cortlandt to leave his regiment on service at Murwut, about which the Durbar now very reasonably express themselves in terms of strong displeasure. I have twice told Lieutenant Edwardes that the Durbar's orders must be obeyed: the

departure of Ressaldar Rutton Singh from Peshawur without leave: his punishment is promised: the neglect of duty of Generals Elahee Buksh and Mehtab Singh: the recusancy and the discontent of Sirdar Runjore Singh, on hearing which Sirdar Tej Singh remarked that, as whatever Runjeet Singh used to order was at once obeyed, and I was now in his place, my word ought to carry as much weight: the increased provision then made for the Ranees of Shere Singh and Koonwur Shahad Nou Singh (*sic*): and lastly my wish that an *adalat* should be established in the Jeet (*sic*) Doabs, as also between the Jhelum and the Attock, which is well received by the Sirdars.

3. Some stores are at my strong representation ordered for the arsenal at Peshawur which, as Dewan Deena Nath observes, is very scantily supplied.

4. Three of my Assistants accompany me to the Durbar at the Palace. Letters from Peshawur and Bunnoo are presented. I first refer to General Cortlandt, who makes excuses about leaving his regiment in Bunnoo on the plea of just having returned from a campaign in Cashmere. Sirdar Tej Singh informs me that this is a frivolous excuse, as all the troops go through the same round of service. Dewan Deena Nath introduces the case of the Maharantee of the late Shere Singh and the other Ranees, saying that they are satisfied now except that Ranee Mulwun wishes to get back her *jageer* of Koort Kooral. I promise to write on the subject. I notice the report which has spread through the town that we were going to occupy the Fort and make prisoners of the Maharajah and Ranee. I point out the absurdity of such fancies, and tell them to look at the Treaty and to rest assured that any promise to which we have subscribed our names will remain unbroken. I make an arrangement for sending 50 horses more to the Fort of Peshawur, and am told that Sirdar Kanth Singh has already left for that place with 500 Sowars. I refer to Rajah Lall Singh's request of an increased *jageer* and tell them that he has a handsome allowance and has made himself very comfortable at Agra. The Durbar is dismissed.

5. Papers from Peshawur relating to the meeting between Sultan Mahomed Khan and Major G. Lawrence and Lieutenant Lumsden are read.

6. The Sirdars are unanimous in their disapproval of the careless way in which Sirdar Runjore Singh carries through his cases.

11th April.

1. Dewan Deena Nath calls the attention of Rutton Chund, Reeshduraz, to my proclamation that no Sirdar should enter into a contract for a district for himself or his dependants. As it appears that he is at present renting some *dhakhs* he is told that he must give them up.

2. By way of clearing the town of elephants, 35 are sent away to various Kardars and Jaggeerdars. I have suggested that sufficient for one battery be sent to Peshawur, where gun-carriage is urgently wanted.

3. Sirdar Tej Singh tells Lehna Singh that his dispute with Runjore Singh shall be decided according to the arbitration already given by Sirdars Kanb Singh and Ummur Singh as wished by me, it being always proper to be guided by the authority of the day.

4. Kazee Mohkum-oo-deen is called on and informed that he had told me he would pay the Darbar 7 lakhs of rupees due by Maharajah Golab Singh to the English, but that he had only paid 3,04,000 rupees. He is desired to pay the balance forthwith.

5. I having requested that all spare Government horses should be sent to complete the Artillery at Peshawur, the Darogha of the Stables is called on for a return and reports that there are 800 horses, large and small, here and there in the several Government stables. He is told to have them all brought in for inspection, when selections for the Artillery will be made.

6. The Maharanee of the late Shere Singh with the other Ranees obtain permission from the Maharanee to bathe in the Ravee on account of the *Bysakhee* festival. A company of Sepoys is to attend them.

7. From Peshawur papers it appears that the charge of receiving bribes to the amount of 4,000 rupees against General Goordut Singh is established.

8. General Cortlandt is ordered to leave a regiment and 2 guns at the Fort of Lukkee, when he himself comes to Lahore.

9. Dewan Deena Nath and the Durbar discuss the propriety of a rule being laid down forbidding persons to traverse the town after gun-fire at night without flambeaux. They have probably heard that Major Macgregor and I had been talking over the propriety of some such

arrangement. The Durbar would like it; but Sir John Little saw objections, not so Brigadier Campbell.

10. News has reached the Durbar that Sirdar Heera Singh, the Maharanee's brother, had an interview with Rajah Lall Singh at Agra.

11. My chief news-writer expresses a strong opinion of the injustice intended by the Durbar against Mir Ameer Chund, Rajah Lall Singh's brother, in proposing, after *by arrangement* getting out of the hands of Lall Singh's agents the Government jewels and Toshakhanah articles in their charge, to do up the separate office altogether (*sic*). The idea, however, seems to me a good one: the office was originally only a small branch of Mir Belee Ram's Treasury; but Rajah Lall Singh gradually undermined his principal, eventually had him murdered, and got his own Toshakhanah made the chief one of the State. One is sufficient for all present wants, and assuredly the brothers and sons of Belee Ram have the best claim to the charge.

12. Copies of the undermentioned diaries, journals, &c., from the following officers on deputation are herewith enclosed:—

Peshawar Political Diary from Major G. Lawrence from 28th March to 3rd instant.

Letter from Lieutenant H. B. Edwards, No. 5, dated Bhurut in Bunnoo, 28th ultimo.

Bunnoo Political Diary from ditto from 31st ultimo to 7th instant.

Boundary Journal from Captain J. Abbott, Boundary Commissioner, from 20th to 30th ultimo.

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VISITS PAID AND RECEIVED.

5th April.

Baba Luchmun Singh, Motbir of Sirdar Lehna Singh—his master's quarrel with his brother.

Bhurul Singh, Vakeel of Shere Mahomed Khan of Scinde—his master's maintenance and place of residence.

Dewan Deena Nath—to talk on various Durbar affairs.

Paindah Khan of Candahar—to beg for maintenance.

Dass Mull, Moonshee, Peshkar of Bukhshee Bhuggut Ram—with pattern muster roll of army.

6th April.

Kazee Mohkum-oo-deen, Jummoo Vakeel—Cashmere and Jummoo affairs.

Bukhshee Lukha Singh, Bukhshee of the Maharajah—army affairs.

Lallah Gunesch Dass, Moonshee of Sirdar Uttar Singh, Kallan wallah—with cavalry statements.

Akhoodzadah Gholam Molice-oo-deen, Motbir of Futteh Khan Towamah—to ask for his master's release.

Peer Buksh, Thannadar of Kunjree-ka-pool—to make salaam.

Sirdar Tej Singh; Sirdar Shere Singh; Sirdar Lehna Singh, Sirdar Runjore Singh; Dewan Deena Nath; Bukhshee Bhuggut Ram; Bhace Nidhan Singh; Ram Singh, Jullawallia; Ram Chand, Mohurwallah; Ruttan Sain, Mundeewallah; Goormookh Singh, Lumman; Baba Luckmun Singh, Motbir of Sirdar Lehna Singh; Mier Ameer Chund, cousin of Rajah Lall Singh; Sirdar Sirdol Singh, Man; Partab Singh, Munhyas (*sic*); Khoshyal Singh, Nilung; Sirdar Bhour Singh; Dewan Hurram Singh; General Golab Singh, Majeethia; Sirdar Jhunda Singh; Sirdar Fuzal Dad Khan of Rhotas; Raj Kishun Chand, Lahore Vakeel; Baba Muhyan Singh; Dewan Hakim Rai; Sirdar Hurdut Singh, Puthania; Fakeer Noor-oo-deen; Fakeer Siraj-oo-deen, son of Fakcer Chiragh-oo-deen; Lal Singh, son of Sirdar Uttar Singh, Kallanwallah; Nund Kishore, Duffuree of Peshawur; Mier Sahib Deval; Lallah Khooshee Ram, Vakeel of Sirdar Lehna Singh; Dewan Balsakha Singh; Boota Singh, Kumla; Elabee Buksh Khan and Gholam Kasim Khan, jaggeers of Bunnoo Tank—public Durbar.

7th April.

Akhoodzadah Fuzal Ali, Motbir of Derah of Nawab Ismael Khan—to talk of Shahdera jagger.

Dewan Shunker Nath, Motbir of Dewan Deena Nath—about Jullunder papers.

Khooshee Ram, Vakeel of Sirdar Lehna Singh—for his master.

Ujub Singh, Vakeel of Sirdar Runjore Singh—ditto.

Bhurul Singh, Vakeel of Shere Mahomed Khan of Scinde—to ask to go to Scinde.

Hakeem Moostufa Shah, native of Lahore and Butala—to make salaam.

Baba Lachmun Singh, Motbir of Sirdar Lehna Singh—about Runjore Singh's affairs.

Rae Kishun Chund, Lahore Vakeel—Durbar affairs.

8th April.

Lallah Boolhoo Mull, Motmid of Aloowallah Sirkar—to talk about Aloowallah.

Lallah Ram Milawah, Vakeel of ditto; Lallah Khooshee Ram, Vakeel of Sirdar Lehna Singh—master's affairs.

Akhoonzadah Gholam Mohéc-oo-deen, Vakeel of Sirdar Sultan Mahomed Khan—Shahdera.

Bhaee Mahoo Singh and Bhaee Soorjun Singh, brothers, natives of Lahore—preparatory to going to take charge of their office.

Sirdar Runjore Singh, Majeethia, and Baba Lachmun Singh, Motbir of Sirdar Lehna Singh—to come to an understanding about the former's difference with Lehna Singh.

9th April.

Bhaee Mahoo Singh and Bhaee Soorjun Singh—to take leave.

Dewan Hakim Rai—to talk about going to Peshawar; Kazee Moh-kum-oo-deen, Junmoo Vakeel—Huzara affairs and money due, &c.

Mool Singh, Vakeel of Sirdar Tej Singh—with papers.

Rae Kishun Chund, Lahore Vakeel—Durbar affairs.

Morad Ali Shah, Vakeel of Sirdar Shere Singh—to be introduced

Rajahs Jeymul Singh and Zorawur Singh of Kishtwar—about their respective maintenance.

10th April

Bhowannee Pershad, Commandant of General Gurdut Singh's Battalions—salaam.

Dewan Deena Nath—on various Durbar and revenue affairs.

Moulvees Vilayut Ali and Inayut Ali, natives of Azeeenabad, Huzara rebels, on their way home.

Baba Luchmun Singh, Motbir of Sirdar Lehna Singh—to take some papers for his master's inspection.

Debee Singh, Havildar of Ameer Chund's Artillery—to complain of reduction of rank.

Kazee Mohkum-oo-deen, Jummoo Vakeel, and Lalla Bukhtawur Singh, who accompanied money from Jummoo—about cash payment.

Rajah Humceodollah Khan of Rajource—about pensions.

Rajahs Jeymul Singh and Zerawur Singh of Kishtwar—ditto.

Fakeer Neeroodeen and Sirdar Golab Singh, Majeethia—to take us to Durbur.

(Sd.) H. M. LAWRENCE,

Agent and Resident.

Political Diary of the Agent, Governor-General, North-West Frontier, and Resident at Lahore, from the 12th to the 17th April 1847.

SUMMARY OF PUNJAB INTELLIGENCE.

12th April.

1. A Sergeant in Colonel Kuldeep's Regiment, being dissatisfied with the decision of Sirdar Runjore Singh in a case which he brought before him, wounded himself dangerously.

The Durbar notice that, out of 80 cases sent to the Sirdar, hardly one has been decided, and desire that this case be taken to Major Macgregor.

2. General Goordut Singh denies *in toto* the charge of receiving bribes.

3. In reference to my *roohukaree* concerning the case of Sirdars Lehna and Runjore Singh, Dewan Deena Nath adduces a similar one decided by Maharajah Runjeet Singh. Of three sons, the two legitimately born shared the patrimony; while to the slaveborn an allowance of only 100 rupees a month was given. Runjore Singh is told that if he prefers the precedent to the arrangement now proposed, he will find himself worse off.

4. A *jagier* of 6,980 rupees is granted for the maintenance of Shere Mahomed Khan, nephew of Futteh Khan, Towanah, and of his sons and sowars.

5. General Goordut Singh is ordered to muster all the Government horses he has by him in order that they may be sent to Peshawur.

6. Some *fakheers* and *jogees*, failing to get satisfaction regarding a *jagier* from Sirdar Runjore Singh, were found in the act of igniting a quantity of firewood near the Fort of Lahore for the purpose of burning themselves. They are reprimanded for their evil intentions and the restoration of the *jagier* is promised.

7. Bhaoe Dal Singh represents that the zemindars of Rawul Pindce are making various complaints against Dewan Hakim Rai and Kishen Kowar. They beg that the money squeezed from them during seven years may be disgorged.

8. Bunnoo papers state that Sirdar Shumshere Singh by General Cortlandt's desire has ordered Bahoo Panda to place one regiment and two guns in the Fort of Lukkee. Sirdar Tej Singh says that this Regiment is inexperienced and useless, and that he will request me to write to Lieutenant Edwardes that General Cortlandt's own regiment may be posted in the Fort. I have done so several times.

13th April.

1. Unritsur intelligence states that the Bysakhee festival has gone off quietly in that place. It appears, however, that a Cashmerian has beaten his wife to death and has consequently been imprisoned, also that nine merchants have been robbed.

2. News of the murder of a *sowar* by a zemindar at Dera Ismael Khan arrives.

3. Sirdar Ruttun Singh and others, who have been complained against by their ryots, are ordered to send in *rascenamahs* from all the zemindars, or that their *jagiers* will be resumed.

4. Dewan Deena Nath shows to some zemindars of Turun Tarun &c., the books of agreements made with their respective Kardars, ordering them to send copies to the other zemindars of their own villages in order to prevent extortion in collecting the revenue.

5. The Durbar receives intelligence that Mistr Roop Lall, the successor of Mistr Ameer Chund in the management of Rhotas, has seized his cattle and otherwise oppressed him.

6. Major Macgregor conducts the chiefs from the Palace to the Durbar at Anarkullee. Peshawur and Bunnoo letters are presented. Sirdar Tej Singh tells me that, in the course of two days, the books containing the revenue contracts will have been shown to every zemindar of Rawul Pinder. I inquire whether anything has been done in the case of Sirdars Lehna and Runjore Singh, and beg that a speedy arrangement may be made. I show the Sirdars an English musical box, which I beg them to present to the Maharajah. I inquire whether the parading and dismissal of the Sowars continues, and am informed that all absent have been summoned for inspection and selection or discharge. Bunnoo and Peshawur affairs are then discussed; and we take leave of the Durbar.

14th April.

1. Sirdar Aotar Singh, Nazim of Peshawur, is ordered to have 1,000 rupees worth of shot made for the arsenal of that place, and General Elahee Buksh is desired to remove his encampment to the outside of the town.

2. Mistr Rullea Ram represents that several zemindars of Syudwallah have gone to Sunkra, the Kardar of which place refuses to produce them. A *perwannah* ordering their delivery is sent.

3. The Nazims of Mooltan, Pind Dadun Khan and Dera Ismael Khan are reminded about sending money for the troops at Bunnoo.

4. Sirdar Lehna Singh is ordered to set on foot an investigation into a robbery on the dawk, to the amount of 300 rupees, in the Manjha.

5. Jowahir Mull is ordered to send quickly 50 horses for the arsenal at Peshawur.

6. Sirdars Tej Singh and Uttur Singh and Dewan Deena Nath and Bukshee Bhuggut Ram consult regarding the dispute between Sirdars Lehna Singh and Runjore Singh, and ask the latter the grounds of his claim. He shows a letter from Lehna Singh when at Benares, calling

him his own brother, etc.: on the other hand, a letter of his to Lehna Singh is produced calling himself a slave of slaves. The Durbar ask if he has any document of their common father Sirdar Deesa Singh regarding the legality of his own birth: he says he has one at Majeethia. He is asked why he did not show it to me when he agreed to the arbitration of Sirdars Unmur Singh and Kanh Singh: he replies he did not then know of its existence: in two days he will produce it.

7. The zemindars of Rawul Pindie beg that Kishun Kowar, their Kardar, may be sent for to confront them here, and that the revenue contract book may be shown annually to each zemindar.

8. The Nazim of Mooltan is again called on to pay his instalments.

9. Sirdar Shuushere Singh sends to the Durbar to know if it will be acceptable in him to collect a portion of the revenue of Bunnoo in kind, more especially horses, as he says it will be a hard matter to get it all in hard coin. The Durbar agree to the proposal.

10. The Kardars of Chuch and Khatir are ordered to send all their boundary disputes to Dewan Ajoodhees Pershiad.

15th April.

1. Syud Meer Shah, Kardar of Behra, reports that he has collected and forwarded the proceeds of Futtch Khan Towanah's *ilakah*, and that unless his son Shere Alum Khan is seized and bullied there will be little chance of realizing the four lakhs of rupees. An order is sent to the effect that he has done well in realizing the proceeds, and that it is hoped the sum due will be realized by my kindness.

2. All the Kardars under the Lahore Government are ordered to send to Lahore any Sowars at present with them.

3. The Maharanee does not approve of the dismissal from office of Kulce, Darogah of Stables, removed for peculation. Her objections are overcome by Dewan Deena Nath and Sirdar Tej Singh, and she even consents to the discharge of some of Bola Singh's Musqueteers. When she is reminded how desirous I am to reduce the expenditure, she proposes that her own company of Sepoys shall be discharged also. I was not aware she had one. The idea is good.

4. The news-writer relates that on Mool Singh bringing to me a muster-roll of the troops, he presents a proposition for fixing the pay of Colonels and Generals on the same scale as during Runjeet Singh's life and for discharging all officers who should have raised themselves to the said grades during the troubled times of the last few years; but what I did say was that there were still very many more Generals and Colonels than are required and that, for making reductions, seniority and character must be attended to.

5. A muster-roll with detailed account of the Government Sowars in the form furnished by me, is ordered to be prepared for my inspection.

6. At my suggestion a proposition is made for pensioning off the old servants and *furnashes* of Runjeet Singh instead of throwing them on the world as contemplated.

7. The Huzara papers contain an account of the attack made by Huree Chund and his troops on a village, permission being given for unrestrained plunder. An estimate of 200 killed and wounded on both sides is made. This appears to be a great exaggeration of an act as unwise as unjustifiable; it will be noticed separately.

8. A man was yesterday evening attacked and wounded with a sabre by two Sikhs who watched him going out of the Yukkee Gate. He was cut in several places, and lay exposed where he was wounded till morning.

16th April.

1. At my desire the Maharajah's boy Regiment was inspected and 370 of them discharged, leaving ninety-one Infantry and thirty Artillery boys to amuse the Maharajah: the others beg the Maharanee to intercede for them, but she cannot overcome the arguments of Dewan Deena Nath on the necessity of diminishing expenses. The boys then go to the Maharanee, then to Sirdar Shere Singh, and eventually make up a figure of Sirdar Tej Singh and deliberately burn it in an open space near his dwelling, abusing the Sirdar all the time in gross terms. He is very angry with Shere Singh for standing on the top of his house enjoying the sport without sending to stop it.

2. Some officers of Sirdar Shere Singh are threatened with dismissal in case of any more reports of oppression from the neighbourhood of Rulla and Turala;

3. The Nazims of Mooltan and Pind Dadun Khan are again asked for their instalments; as are also the Kardars of Rhotas and Jhelum.

4. An order is issued to Poornuk Khan, servant of Futtch Khan, Towanah, to have restored all the property stolen from the Nawab's sons at Nanak at the time his master was there.

5. 151 of Jowahir Singh's Musqueteers are discharged.

6. A Peshawur news-letter from Kishun Kowar, Moonshce, is read. Its purport is reported to be that Major Lawrence, having convicted one Futtch Khan and others of the village of Lundie of cow-killing, ordered them to be imprisoned for life and their houses to be razed, on hearing which the Governor, Sirdar Aotar Singh, called his own officers and those of General Mehtab Singh and said to them, "See what justice Major Lawrence has done: the religion of the Sikhs is destroyed." Mehtab Singh and others replied: "Whatever are your orders we will obey them." The officers went and told their men of the cow-killing, and a disturbance would have occurred had not General Golab Singh heard of the excitement and gone and quelled it. The writer observes: "There is no wise man at Peshawur: the temper of the Governor is that of a boy: my advice is that you write in strong reproof to the Governor and officers and forbid such language in future." The Lahore news-writer remarks: "In short the object of Sirdar Aotar Singh was to excite a disturbance which might cause Major Lawrence's departure from Peshawur." Sirdar Tej Singh is reported to have taken up the paper in his own hand, when Shere Singh seized and tore it up, and said he would write and reprove his brother, but begged the intelligence might not be allowed to go further. Sirdar Tej Singh read him and the Durbar a very proper lecture on Rajah Lall Singh's perfidy and what might have been the consequences, concluding with a tirade on his own exertions in saving the State. Circumstantial as is this statement it is hardly credible.

17th April.

1. The Maharajah agrees with Tej Singh that his boys were very culpable in burning the latter's effigy, but tells him that he should have

sent and put them down at once. His Highness desired they should be imprisoned.

2. Three of my Assistants accompany me to the Durbar at the Palace early in the morning: a large number of Rawul Pindie zemindars meet us in the way, claiming justice: they accompany us to Durbar. I spoke in their behalf. I took Sirdar Shere Singh aside and spoke to him of the reports from Peshawur: he declared they were false as regarded his brother. I said I hoped so, but that at any rate it was time an efficient Governor was appointed: was his father Sirdar Chutter Singh able to go? He replying in the negative, I told him that I should now propose General Golab Singh to the Durbar and Dewan Hakim Rai as his deputy. He said the arrangement would answer. I accordingly proposed it. The Durbar wished to make Hakim Rai independent, but finally consented to his acting in subordination to General Golab Singh. I wrote this day fully to Major Lawrence regarding the report, desiring him to inquire quietly and to imprison at once any man who may have attempted to make a disturbance or advised one, unless it be the young Sirdar himself who, if he really has done as stated, must be degraded by the Durbar and deprived of his *jageer*. Dewan Hakim Rai is in my presence presented with the usual *khillat* of investiture, proving how anxious the Durbar was to provide for him. I tell the Durbar that Lieutenant Edwardes has written to me in strong terms of the good conduct of Sirdar Shumshere Singh in Bunnoo. We take leave.

3. The heads of the different Departments, Stables, Camp-equipment, &c., are ordered to furnish an account of monthly expenses. Dewan Deena Nath remarks that these miscellaneous expenses amount yearly to six lakhs of rupees.

4. Copies of the following papers are inclosed:—Lieutenant H. B. Edwardes' Bunnoo Political Diary from 8th to 13th instant. Letter from ditto, No. 6, dated 9th instant.

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VISITS PAID AND RECEIVED.

12th April.

Sirdar Shere Singh—Peshawur and personal affairs.

Lallah Gunesh Dass, Moonshee of Sirdar Uttur Singh, Kallean-wallah—with cavalry returns.

Kazee Mohkum-oo-deen, Jummoo Vakeel, with Lalla Bukhtawur Singh—with intelligence of cash remittances.

Sooraj Bhan, Commandant, Lahore Army—with reports of the state of roads to the British frontier, of which he has police charge.

Kunheyah Lall, Vakeel of Sirdar Dhurru Singh, Khiewala—to ask for interview.

13th April.

Sirdar Dhurru Singh, Khiewala, with Kunheyah Lall, his Vakeel—to make salaam on appointment to Kardaree of Sookhoo.

Sirdar Uttar Singh, Kalleauwala, with his Vakeel, Lalla Gunesht Dass—to talk of cavalry reductions. Moulvies Enait Ali and Veelat Ali, inhabitants of Azeezabad, leaders of Huzara rebellion, in progress to Patna, their home : gave them each fifty rupees.

Sirdars Tej Singh and Shere Singh ; Dewan Deena Nath ; Sirdar Lehna Singh ; General Goordut Singh, Mulvie ; Fakeer Surraaj-oo-deen ; Fakeer Noor-oo-deen ; Fakeer Zuhoor-oo-deen, son of Fakeer Noor-oo-deen ; Bakshee Kunheyah Lall ; Mir Sahabdyai ; Sirdar Golab Singh ; Pundit Radha Kishen ; Sirdar Runjore Singh ; Bhacee Nidhan Singh ; Sirdar Sirdool Singh, Man ; Ram Chund, Mohurwalla ; Rajah Fuzl Dad Khan, Rhotaswalla ; Goormookh Singh, Lumman ; Lalla Choonee Lall, Vakeel of the Lahore Government ; Lalla Khooshee Ram, Vakeel of Sirdar Lehna Singh ; Hurdut Singh, Padhaneeah.

Bawa Luchmun Singh, Motbir of Sirdar Lehna Singh ; Ruttan Sain, Mundeewalla ; Sirdar Jhunda Singh ; Ram Singh, Jullawalla ; Dewan Hakim Raj ; Lall Singh, Moraresb ; Bakshee Bhuggut Ram ; Dewan Veisakha Singh ; Ruttan Singh, Gurjakeah ; Sirdar Bhoor Singh ; and Humam Singh—public Darbar.

15th April.

Kunhya Khau, Soobadar of the Maharajah's Nujeeb force—with petition about a dispute pending in Ambala Court during the last twenty years.

Pundit Radha Kishen—his father, Pundit Mooksoodun's *jaggers*, etc.
Dewan Deena Nath—revenue and Darbar affairs.

Mool Singh, Vakeel of Sirdar Tej Singh—with papers of Army.

Asa Nund, Vakeel of Mooltan—with sweetmeat presents.

16th April.

Bawa Luchmun Singh, Motbir of Sirdar Lehna Singh—master's dispute with his brother.

Bhuggoo Shah, Banker of Kangrawalla (*sic*)—to render accounts.

Lalla Chunder Bhan, Vakeel of Bhawalpoor—to answer questions anent Beekaneer boundary.

17th April.

Mulrab Singh, Motbir of Bhacc Mahoo Singh, and Sirdar Soorjun Singh—for master, and to tell of his own services.

Lalla Gunesh Das, Moonshee of Sirdar Utter Singh, Kulianwallah—with returns of cavalry.

Fakeer Noor-oo-deen and Sirdar Golab Singh—to take us to Durbar.

Dewan Kishen Chund, Motbir of Sirdar Heera Singh, uncle of the Maharajah—to ask if he might take up his abode in the Palace.

(Sd.) H. M. LAWRENCE,

Agent and Resident.

Political Diary of the Agent, Governor-General, North-West Frontier, and Resident at Lahore, from the 18th to the 24th April 1847.

SUMMARY OF PUNJAB INTELLIGENCE.

18th April.

1. Bukshee Bhuggut Ram is ordered to establish the same rules with regard to relieving officers, &c., of the Sikh Army as among us; and to drop the practice of distinguishing regiments by number.

2. News having reached of Rajah Heera Singh's (brother of the Maharanee) expected arrival at Umritsur in a day or two, the customary salutes, &c., are ordered to be paid him on his arrival at Umritsur.

3. A quantity of salt belonging to Rajah Lall Singh, to the value of 30,000 rupees, is found. It is ordered to be sold; the proceeds to revert to the Sirkar's Treasury.

4. Intelligence arrives that Sirdar Runjore Singh has concealed two guns with their carriage, &c., in the house of Purdumun Singh at Umritsur.

5. Kazee Mohkum-oo-deen represents that Maharajah Golab Singh's Hurkara, with the dawk, has been robbed and wounded at Goojranwallah. A *perwannah* is sent ordering an investigation into the case.

6. When Rajah Heera Singh arrives, the *ilakhs* of Butala and Goojranwalla are to be resumed.

7. An order is issued to Sirdar Shumshere Singh to send all the cavalry under his command to Lahore, and to dispose troops in several Forts as follows:—

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| Fort of Lukkee | 1 General Cortlandt's Regiment. |
| | 1 Troop, Horse Artillery. |
| | 1 Company, Sappers and Miners. |
| Cantonment at Shalpoor | ... 1 General Cortlandt's Regiment. |
| | 1 Troop, Horse Artillery. |
| | 1 Company, Sappers and Miners. |
| Cantonment at Ramnugger | ... 1 Regiment—General Bishun Singh. |
| | 1 Regiment—Purtab Singh. |

8. It appears from Pind Dadun Khan letters that a Brahmin who passed through the gates of the town after gunfire in the evening, disregarding the challenge of the sentry, was wounded and finally killed by him; and that next morning the Brahmins of the city collected together to avenge his death, but without finally doing anything.

9. Yesterday night a woman was strangled to death by her daughter-in-law near the Shah-Almee Gate.

19th April.

1. In conformity with a *roobukaree* issued from my Chief Assistant's *Kutcherry*, an order is given that no deduction be made from the pay of discharged soldiers on account of *kunta* and *boothies*.

2. My chief news-writer informs me that Sirdar Tej Singh's health is rapidly declining, and that he has been troubled with fever for the last five years. He looks as well as ever I saw him.

20th April.

Lieutenant Taylor conducts the Chiefs to Durbar at the Residency in Anarkullee. I present two letters from Sir F. Currie, one for the Maharajah and the other for Sirdar Tej Singh, in reply to letters of congratulation previously sent by them. Dewan Deena Nath tells me that some *jageers*, the restoration of whose *jageers* has lately been refused, have placed themselves on the top of one of the Gates and threaten to burn themselves if their request is not granted. Having ascertained from the documents relative to their *jageer* that the *jagees* had been dispossessed 25 years, I advise that they be removed from the Fort. A widow breaks into the Durbar importunately begging redress from Kishen Kowar, Kardar of Rawul Pindce. Deena Nath observes to me that he has had numbers of complaints against this Kardar recently, the justice of which he has fully established; and that the only way to stop extortion is by sending the Revenue Contract book to each zemindar. The woman is sent to the Kardar, who is told not to return her without a letter of satisfaction. It appears that including the Sowars whose muster is now being made there are 1,900 beyond the regulation number. Bukhshee Kunhya Lall presents me with a muster-roll of the Government Sowar Establishment, arranged according to the *missals*, with an account of the birthplace, abode, and previous occupation of each man. I suggest a further addition shewing the date of the granting of the *jageers* to the officers, their rate of pay, &c.: this is shortly to be made. In consequence of a *roobukharie* from my office, Dewan Deena Nath informs me that he has reduced the *jageer* belonging to Mullik Shere Mahomed Khan from 25,000 rupees to 5,000 rupees and says that no *jageer* shall be resumed, released or bestowed in future without reference to me. In reply to a question, Sirdar Lehna Singh tells me that there are now 350 Sepoys in the Fort of Govindghur; and on Deena Nath's observing that the number of troops there was formerly larger, I request that Dul Singh may take there a reinforcement of 100 more men and that a Company of Artillery be stationed in the Fort. The Durbar is dismissed.

21st April.

1. Sirdar Shere Singh having, a few days ago, made over the villages in the neighbourhood of Lahore (under contract to him) to Heeranund, his Vakeel, begs Dewan Deena Nath that they may be

restored to him and confirmed by my approbation. He is told to take them into his own hands.

2. Sirdar Tej Singh proposes that small pensions of from 2 to 4 rupees per mensem be granted to the families, &c., of men killed or seriously wounded while fighting against us on the banks of the Sutlej.

3. It is proposed that 11 of the Lahore writers be discharged, and that only 6 be entertained for the future.

4. The Umritsur papers give an account of the search of the house of Purdumun Singh by the thanadar of that place, assisted by two companies of Sepoys, for the guns concealed by Runjore Singh. The inmates swear solemnly on the Grunth that there was nothing of the sort in the house; but, notwithstanding, some *beldars* who were procured speedily dug up four guns with their accompaniments, besides revealing a quantity of goods and money to the amount of 2 or 3 lakhs of rupees belonging to Runjore Singh.

5. Further accounts of highway robbery in Rawul Pindce. The Sirdars remark that life and property are unsafe from Shahdera to Khatir, and that lately in Goojranwallah there have been as many as thirteen murders. A *perwanah* is sent to various Kardars in those parts ordering the speedy seizure of all robbers, &c.

6. Sirdar Runjore Singh complains that disrespect has been shewn to him in searching the house of Purdumun Singh at Umritsur for the guns, &c., he conveyed there. He says he has never been treated so before, and that now, the respectability of his character having been impeached, he will remain in the *adalut* no longer and will complain to me. Sirdar Tej Singh and Dewan Deena Nath advise him not to be rash, as his station and rank in the kingdom depend almost entirely on his retaining the post of *adalutec*. Lehna Singh justifies his own proceedings in all this matter by referring to my wishes on the subject.

7. Of the 700 Sowars ordered to Punjua Sahib, 100 are stated to have declined serving any longer.

22nd April.

1. I pay a visit early in the morning to Sirdar Tej Singh, accompanied by Dr. Hathaway, when, finding some of the Chiefs already assembled there and others coming in, we hold a small Durbar. The principal

topic is Sirdar Runjore Singh's conduct in concealing the guns in Umritsur and his declaration that he would serve the State no longer, in reference to which I observed that such a threat should not be allowed to pass: finally it was agreed that he be dismissed the *adalat*. Dewan Deena Nath suggests that his place be filled up by General Kanh Singh, Mau, who bore such a high character with Captain Lumsden in Cashmere. I agreed. Dewan Deena Nath explains to me the circumstances connected with the *jagur* of Shere Mahomed Khan, as several persons have represented it to me as being a fresh grant. It was granted by Rajah Lal Singh at 25,000 rupees, but the Dewan has reduced it to 6,000 rupees. He has resumed many granted by the Rajah, as also some bestowed by Sirdar Shere Singh in Peshawur. I am informed that Dewan Hakim Rai is ready to start for Peshawur, professing his willingness to obey General Golab Singh and his entire subservience to me, inasmuch as if I were to desire him, "he would obey a sweeper." He is to have undivided power over all the revenue affairs of Peshawur; and two companies of the Ramgoles are to be attached to his person. Dewan Deena Nath evidently wishes him to be Governor of Peshawur; but I consider General Golab Singh a much more proper person. Dewan Deena Nath mentions the confusion created throughout the country by the rebellious nature of Boodha Mulal of Ghalibee, he flying into the Afreedee country the moment troops are sent after him. He is to be watched for the future by Chutter Singh. Tej Singh also reports to me that the zemindars of Bhacujub and the neighbouring *thakats* of Maharajah Golab Singh have been in the habit of creating disturbances on the boundary of the Lahore Territory. We take leave of the Chiefs.

2. News of his dismissal reaching Sirdar Runjore Singh, he becomes sorrowful and repentant, and forthwith signs a paper placing himself in all points at his brother's feet. He is told that his conversion has arrived too late, but that every consideration will be shown him now that he has become reconciled to Lehna Singh. This would make it appear that he was removed from office for disagreeing with his brother. Such was not our reason for recommending it.

3. From Peshawur papers it appears that that place is suffering from a severe drought, and that in consequence of the representations of the zemindars about it, Major G. Lawrence has deputed two Moonsheers,

one belonging to Peshawur and the other to Lahore, to enquire into the state of the crops.

23rd April.

1. The zemindars of Kuloowal complain of the extortion of the Sirdar, Ruttun Singh, Gurjakeah, and his officers. This being the third complaint in one month, he is advised to send in *rastenamahs* without delay under pain of forfeiture of his estate.

2. At a private conference Sirdar Shere Singh begs Sirdar Tej Singh to devise some plan whereby he may obtain something in lieu of his government of Peshawur and the villages he held in farm in the environs of Lahore. In reply he got some plain opinions regarding the manner in which Peshawur affairs had been lately carried on.

3. Peshawur letters report the discharge of 700 of the Ramgoles. They are also full of praise at the exertions made by Major G. Lawrence and the effects thereby produced.

4. The Nazim of Pind Dadun Khan is ordered to seize the Sepoy who murdered a Brahmin the other day.

5. Official letters are sent to General Kanh Singh, Man, announcing his appointment in the *adalat*; and Sirdar Runjore Singh is ordered to make over the office to the said General.

6. Advice of the departure for Peshawur of treasure for the troops of that place is received from Rawul Pindce.

7. Rai Kishun Chund is ordered to present for my approval the orders drawn up for Dewan Hakim Rai's instruction on entering his office at Peshawur. I remark that there was no mention of General Golab Singh being Governor. I express my wish that at least there should be an appeal from the Dewan to General Golab Singh in cases of dissatisfaction. A passage to this effect was inscribed and I was told that both the General and Dewan would refer to Major Lawrence, who, in short, would be Governor.

8. News is received of the murder of 7 persons in the neighbourhood of Amernabad. I am pressing the early punishment of several highwaymen now at Lahore.

9. The zemindars of Julal Khan bring complaints of oppression against him.

10. A letter is received from Sirdar Chutter Singh giving details of the treacherous slaughter of 50 men belonging to the Kardar of Syudpore (a dependency of Chutter Singh's) and the imprisonment of the Kardar himself by Rajah Thonee Khan, (*sic*) Mundlawallah, who invited him to a friendly meeting and then laid an ambush for him on the road. The Sirdar requests the Durbar in his letter to furnish a couple of Regiments for the release of the Kardar. The original letter is sent to me. From what I can gather the Mandla Rajah is a man whom nothing less than three or four Regiments could punish. I have written to Captain Abbott and Mr. Agnew to inquire into the matter.

24th April.

1. Three of my Assistants accompany me to Durbar at the Palace. The zemindars of Julal Khan Bhuttee's *jagter* follow me to the Palace in complaint. I beg Dewan Deena Nath at once to adjust the dispute by arbitration. On Sirdar Ruttun Singh, Gurjakeab, presenting himself, I desire him to get *razenamaks* from all the zemindars who have complained against him. I shew to the Durbar a letter just received from Sirdar Runjore Singh denying that the guns found in Purdumun Singh's house at Umritsur were concealed. I remarked that if so, they would not have been buried underground in a house. Sirdar Lehna Singh produces the depositions of three persons who murdered a man at Aiseepore. I express my regret at the number of murders perpetrated in that part of the country and desire that in such cases decisions may, without any delay, be given. We take leave.

2. The Zemadars and Sepoys of the Fort of Wuzcerabad have come to Lahore to claim their pay.

3. All functionaries connected with the *adalat* are publicly advised of General Kanh Singh's appointment.

4. In accordance with a *roobukaris* issued from my office, Ajub Singh is reinstated in the office of Vakeel of the *adaluts*, from which he was discharged by Sirdar Runjore Singh.

5. The Durbar having received intelligence of Captain Tremenhoe's wish to pull down General Avitabile's cantonment, as well as that

at Aidgah, objects to such a measure on account of the accommodation afforded by both of them, and directs Rai Kishen Chund to represent the matter to me.

6. News arrives from Jhung that a zemindar of Kumaleex has killed his wife and her paramour whom he found in bed together.

7. The boys of the Maharajah's Regiment, who burnt Tej Singh's effigy, have been at my suggestion released from prison: six or seven and twenty of them had been previously flogged.

Copy of Captain James Abbott's Boundary Journal from 1st to 10th instant is enclosed.

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VISITS PAID AND RECEIVED.

19th April.

Sirdar Sher Singh—Durbar and personal affairs.

Fakeer Noor-oo-deen—Durbar and personal affairs. Khooshee Ram, Vakeel of Sirdar Lehna Singh—medical school.

Muhtab Singh, Motbir of Bhace Mahoo Singh and Soorjun Singh—for masters.

Dewan Hakim Rai, together with his son Kishun Koonwur—to talk of going to Peshawur.

Lalla Bustee Ram and Roshun Rai, Vakeels of Dewan Dowlat Rai of Derah Ismael Khan; Asanund, Vakeel of Mooltan.

20th April.

Sirdars Tej Singh and Shere Singh; Dewan Deena Nath; Sirdars Utur Singh, Kalleanwalla; Jhunda Singh; Lall Singh, son of Utur Singh, Kalleanwalla; General Hursookh Rai; Ruttun Chund, Doogul, Wuzceera-badee; Goormookh Singh, Lumman; Lallah Choonee Lall, Vakeel of the Lahore Government; Phoola Singh, Urdullea; Mir Ameer Chund; Sirdar Kanh Singh, Koharrez; Ruttun Singh, Commandant; Rai Kishen Chund; Fakeer Noor-oo-deen; Dewan Deena Nath; Bawa Fakeer Bux, Duhrawalla; Bhace Ram Singh; Lalla Anunt Ram, Muchhoo; Mir Sahab Dyeal; Sirdar Runjore Singh; Ruttun Sain, Mundeewalla; Sirdar Lehna Singh; Dewan Viesakha Singh; Jullal Khan, Bhutte; Bawa Luchmun

Singh ; Sirdar Sardole Singh ; Ummur Singh, Majeethia ; Sirdars Ruttun Singh, Gorjakeah ; Mungal Singh, Ram Ghurreea ; Boore Singh ; Roshan Khan, Rhotaswalla ; Mahomed Kasim Khan, Jageerdar, Bunnoo Tank ; Bhaze Ameer, Deoreewalla ; Mool Singh, Vakil of Sirdar Tej Singh ; Fakeer Jummal-oo-deen, son of Fakeer Noor-oo-deen, and Dyeal Singh, son of Gunda Singh, Koonjahreeah—public Durbar.

21st April.

Mecan Lall Singh, inhabitant of Ukhnoore, *illaka* of Jumboo—to complain against Maharajah Golab Singh and ask for maintenance Lalla Anunt Ram, Muchhoo—to make salaam.

Lallah Oodhoo Dass, inhabitant of Derah Ghazee Khan—to state his case as complained to Governor-General's Secretary, Asanund, Vakeel of Mooltan—with Mooltan news.

Meer Shere Mahomed Khan, Sindhee, with Bhurrul Singh, his Vakeel—for his master to go to bring his family. Moolah Mahomed Nuffeeb, inhabitant of Peshawur—to give thanks for restoration of *jageer*.

Mool Singh, Vakeel of Sirdar Tej Singh, with Durbar papers, Bawa Luchmun Singh, Motbir of Sirdar Lehna Singh—for his master.

22nd April.

Cowasjee, Bombay Merchant—to complain of revenue duties wrongfully exacted at Ferozepoor Ghat.

Khooshee Ram, Vakeel of Sirdar Lehna Singh, and Bawa Luchmun Singh, the Motbir of the latter—for his master. Bhurrul Singh, Vakeel of Meer Shere Mahomed Khan, Sindhee—for his master. Fakeer Noor-oo-deen—private interview. Misc Shiv Dyeal, Moonshee of Rai Kishen Chund—with papers.

23rd April.

Kazee Mohkum-oo-deen, Vakeel of Maharajah Golab Singh—with *khurreeah*.

Rajah Fyz Tulub Khan, Bhimburwalla—with secret intelligence.

Rai Kishen Chund, Vakeel of Sirkar Maharajah, Lahore—Durbar papers. Meer Shere Mahomed Khan, Sindhee, with his brothers Meer Khan and Mahomed Khan and Bhurrul Singh, his Vakeel—to take leave on going for family.

24th April.

Fakeer Noor-oo-deen and Sirdar Golab Singh, Majeethia—to take us to Durbar.

Bawa Luchmun Singh, Motbir of Sirdar Lehna Singh, for master, &c., &c.

Kazee Mohkum-oo-deen, Vakil of Maharajah Golab Singh—with Jummoo Intelligence. Mool Singh, Vakil of Sirdar Tej Singh—with papers.

25th April.

Bawa Burm Chury, resident of Shah Almee Gate—to ask for increase of his *dihurmuth*.

(Sd.) H. M. LAWRENCE,

Agent, G.-G., N.-W. F., and Resident at Lahore.

Political Diary of the Agent, Governor-General, North-West Frontier, and Resident at Lahore, from the 25th April to the 1st May 1847.

SUMMARY OF PUNJAB INTELLIGENCE.

25th April.

1. A number of the inhabitants of Baba Nanuk headed by Baba Meean Singh and Baba Luchmun Singh came to Sirdar Tej Singh, &c., regarding the murderer, Dheerput, to whom they say the law of retaliation ought to be applied.

2. The Kardar of Sutgurb is warned against the further oppression of his zemindars. This notice is, I presume, in consequence of my having a few days ago remarked in Durbar that the man was a tyrant and employer of robbers.

3. General Kanh Singh, Man, is ordered to make over all the cases left pending by Sirdar Runjore Singh to Sirdar Uttar Singh, Kalawalla, and to attend himself to such only as have come in since his instalment in office.

26th April.

1. Mr. Melvill escorts a party of ladies to the Palace, who visit the Maharancee.

2. My chief news-writer mentions to the Durbar by my desire a wish of the Brigadier's to have a building adjoining the Mustee Gate (communicating from the Huzoorchagh to the Fort) pulled down, as it commands the Gate. Expressions of universal assent are given. A guard will in future be placed on the gate, but sentries be only mounted on the summit at night so that annoyance will not be given to the inmates of the Palace.

27th April.

1. Lieutenant Nicholson conducts the Chiefs to Durbar at the Residency at Anarkullee. Sirdar Tej Singh informs me that, agreeably to my suggestion, he has drawn up a regulation for giving leave of absence to one-fourth of the Army at a time during the hot weather. I recommend strict orders against plunder by the troops. I mention to Dewan Deena Nath the importunity of the Rawul Pindee zemindars in their claims against their former Kardar, Kishen Konwur, and advise a prompt and impartial hearing. He reports to me that he has appeased the zemindars of Julal Khan Bhutte's *jageer* and has moreover sent a person with them on their road home. Dewan Dowlut Rai has been summoned to Lahore for the purpose of investigating the state of the revenue of Dera Ismael Khan, Lukkee, and Murwut. Speaking in praise of the conduct of Lieutenant Edwardes in Bunnoo, Dewan Deena Nath notices the folly and infatuation of the zemindars in having plundered his camp and says that if Avitabile had been there he would have had them all hung. We dismiss the Chiefs.

2. News arrives that the Chhattah Burdar of the Maharajah has killed a man in some house dispute and that he has been summarily imprisoned.

3. A *perwannah* is sent to General Golab Singh, Pohoovindeeah, apprizing him of the new furlough regulations.

4. The *jageer* of Pundit Toda Ram, granted by Rajah Lall Singh, is released.

5. Sirdar Lehna Singh reports the existence of a cordial understanding between Runjore Singh and himself. This is nonsense.

6. At the recommendation of Sirdar Shere Singh, a *jager* of 360 rupees is granted to Daroga Ram Kishun.

7. A contract for the villages in the neighbourhood of Lahore is drawn up in behalf of Sirdar Shere Singh, Atareewallah, at 17,000 rupees. About 200 zemindars of these villages come and state to Dewan Deena Nath their unwillingness to be under the said Sirdar. They are told to wait a short time, and if they are oppressed to complain instantly.

8. My chief news-writer reports that the persons now in highest favour with the Maharanee are Jeewun Singh and a Hindoo Fakeer.

9. Dewan Deena Nath apprizes the Durbar of his having subscribed 500 rupees towards the Scotch and Irish Famine Fund. He had the day before brought the cash to me, saying he had read of the famine in a native newspaper.

28th April.

1. The books of the revenue settlement of the villages of Rawul Pindiee are given to their respective zemindars by Dewan Deena Nath in the presence of their new Kardar, Bhacee Dul Singh.

2. General Goordut Singh and Colonels Mut and Goordut Singh are pensioned off as proposed in yesterday's Durbar and made over to the care of Sirdar Lehna Singh, Majeethia.

3. The Maharanee holds a levee at which the principal Sirdars attend. She is full of praise and professions of obedience to my measures. They echo her praises and say that but for me it would be impossible with safety to make such extensive reductions as are going on; that formerly no one dared to discharge a single soldier. I have more than once remarked that I did not wish chiefs or others to go singly to the Maharanee. Thus perhaps her levee. It is remarked that some persons have been seen looking with telescopes from the summit of the Badshahee Musjid at the ladies on the top of the Palace. I have informed Brigadier Campbell. The Maharanee makes no reply, but inquires the reason for pulling down the building adjoining the Mustee Gate, and is informed that it is merely a precautionary measure adopted by my desire. Sirdar Tej Singh says he is very glad we are alert.

Lelma Singh remarks it is quite right to be so. Her Highness adverts to the expected arrival in this town of Sirdar Heera Singh and desires that the proper courtesies be shown him. After commenting on the state of the town of Lahore, which they all assert to be as well managed as by Runjeet himself, the Sirdars take leave of the Maharanee.

29th April.

1. Rai Kishun Chund and Mool Singh, having returned from an interview with me, report to the Durbar my wish that General Golab Singh should be invested with the same powers as those formerly enjoyed by General Avitabile and that Dewan Hakim Rai should be subject to his command, and also my expressions of dissatisfaction at the exorbitant tax imposed on wood coming from various parts of the country for our building purposes. It is agreed that no tax be levied on wood to be used by us.

2. It appears from a representation made in Durbar that the inhabitants of Dera Baba Nanuk are wishing to commute the sentence of death by hanging passed on Baba Dheerput to some less punishment.

3. Sirdar Tej Singh announces his intention of contributing Rs. 1,000 towards the fund for the relief of the Irish in imitation of Dewan Deena Nath.

30th April.

1. A scarcity of corn in Cashmere is reported, grain being stored up in the granaries and sold out retail.

2. The arrival of Dewan Jowala Sahae is announced.

3. General Kanb Singh, Man, is ordered to send in an abstract of every case, as it comes into his Court, to the Durbar.

4. Kishen Kouwur, ex-Kardar of Rawul Pindce, is ordered to send in a written account of his Kardarship.

5. In accordance with a *roolukaree* issued from my Cutcherry, a *perwannah* is sent to the Nazim of Mooltan prohibiting the demand of increased duties from merchants at Mithunkote.

6. News arrives that some Sikhs have murdered one and wounded another Pattiala merchant, at Meean Meer, and made off with goods to

the value of 100 rupees. Major Macgregor has taken the depositions of the men who brought the corpse to him, and made them all over to Sirdar Lehna Singh.

1st May.

1. Five of my Assistants accompany me to Durbar at the Palace. Dewan Deena Nath consults me in the case of a man who murdered another in a house dispute. I tell him to send me the man with his *misaul* and that I will order an investigation. I mention the wish expressed by Maharajah Golab Singh through Dewan Jowala Sahae that the *ilakas* of Mozufferabad and Huzarah should be exchanged for Munawur and other territories near Jummoo bounded by the Jhelum. The Chiefs refer to the Treaty which is clearly worded, but express their willingness to make any accommodation that will be advantageous. I tell them that in accepting Huzarah they ought to give lands yielding only half the revenue of that province. I remark that the troops stationed at Rawul Pindee and Hussun Abdal will be always at hand to support those in Huzarah. Dewan Deena Nath took a high tone and made all sorts of objections. I remarked that I gave such advice as I considered best for all concerned, but that the Durbar could please itself. It rather struck me that the Dewan was speaking for effect, and it is not impossible that Dewan Jowala Sahae had already communicated with him. I tell the Durbar of the probability of my retiring to England two or three years hence. I beg Dewan Deena Nath to settle positively the claims of the Rawul Pindee zemindars who demand redress day and night from their old Kardar, Kishen Konwur. We take leave.

2. At a levee of the Maharanee's, attended by Sirdars Tej, Lehna, and Shere Singh and Dewan Deena Nath, the subject of the proposed territorial exchange between the Government and Maharajah Golab Singh is brought forward, and Her Highness' opinion is asked. The Sirdars are told to look to me as the leader of affairs, and to act up to any suggestion I offer on this or any other subject.

3. My Meer Moonshet takes to the Durbar a *roobakaris* from me in which are submitted three separate proposals for an exchange of territory with Golab Singh, any one of which, if accepted, would be

referred to Government at Simla for approval and then carried out. He also took another suggesting the means of expediting the disarming of the disbanded soldiers in the Manjha and elsewhere.

Copies of Lieutenant Edwardes' Diaries from 22nd to 26th ultimo are inclosed.

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VISITS PAID AND RECEIVED.

26th April.

Fakeer Noor-oo-deen. Sirdar Shere Singh—to talk on his private affairs and to tell of some Durbar ones. Hookum Singh, Ghorchurrah, Regiment Charyearee—to make salaam for having last year got his *jogee* released. Raheem Bux, Motmid of the Lahore Government, proceeding to Peshawur—to get a note.

Pundit Goree Shunker, Adaltee of the Lahore City—to tell of various matters. Kazeo Molikum-oo-deen, Vakeel of Maharajah Golab Singh—Jummoo affairs. Dewan Deena Nath—various Durbar matters and to give 500 rupees for British famine subscription. Bawa Luchmun Singh, Mothir of Sirdar Lehna Singh—for his master.

27th April.

Sirdars Tej Singh and Golab Singh; Bhasee Nidhan Singh; Dewan Tek Chund; General Hursookh Rai; Lungur Khan, Sabrewallah; Hurdut Singh, Pudhanceah; Sobha Ram, Lungra; Goormookh Singh; Lalla Choonee Lal; Dull Singh, Ghorchurrah; Ruttun Chund with the long beard; Dewan Deena Nath; Fakeer Noor-oo-deen; Rai Kishen Chund; General Ram Singh; Nihal Singh, son of Jhunda Singh, Koonjaheah; General Kanb Singh, Adaltee; Bhasee Issar Singh; Bhasee Mahyeen Singh; Ruttun Singh, Commandant; Ruttun Singh, Gurjakhea; Kooshee Ram, Vakeel; and Bawa Luchmun Singh, Mothir of Sirdar Lehna Singh; Ram Chund, Mohurwallah; Utter Singh, Kalleanwallah; Sirdar Lehna Singh; Sirdar Boorch Singh; Dewan Kishen Koonwur; Sirdar Runjore Singh; Mier Ameer Chund; Ruttun Chund, Dooggul; Bhasee Ameera, Daoreewallah; Bukshee Kunneah Lal Pundit; Sheikh Emam-oo-deen; Sirdar Sirdole Singh; Jullali Khan, Bhattee; Asa Nund, Vakeel of Mooltan; Bhurrol Singh, Vakeel of Meer Shere Mahomed Khan, Sindhee; Futehdeen Khan, Kussooreah; and Mool Singh, Vakeel of Sirdar Tej Singh—public Durbar.

28th April.

Sirdar Utter Singh, Kalleanwallah, and Pundit Kunnesh Lal, Vakeel—with cavalry return. Dewan Ruttun Chund, Dooggul—on his own merits, revenue affairs, secret, &c., &c.

Futteh Khan, Noon, together with his nephew Shere Mohamed Khan—to pay respects. Gunda Singh, Vakeel of Sirdar Shumshere Singh, Sindhanwallah—to pay respects.

29th April.

Sirdar Sirdole Singh—own affairs and to give news. Bawa Luchmun Singh—own affairs and to give news. Rajah Fyz Tulub Khan, Bhimburwallah—with information.

Nawab Surfuraz Khan, Mooltanwallah, together with his sons Uhmud Alli and Ukhbar Alli, and Abdool Mujeeb Khan and Jahangeer Khan, his nephews, and Kassim Alli Khan, his grandson.

Syed Uhmud, Vakeel of Dewan Hakim Shah—ceremony. Mool Singh, Vakeel of Sirdar Tej Singh—with papers. Rai Kishen Chund, Vakeel of the Lahore Government—with papers.

Kazee Mohkum-oo-deen, Vakeel of Maharajah Golab Singh—about Preymah. Khooshee Ram, Vakeel of Sirdar Lehna Singh, with a notice from the Sirdar about robbery.

Bhondee Khan, son of Ellahce Bux, General of the Lahore Government. Sirdar Lehna Singh, together with General Golab Singh, Majeethia, of the Artillery—on various personal and public matters.

30th April.

Ruttun Chund, Dooggul—with revenue papers and to give private information. Dewan Jowala Sahae of Maharajah Golab Singh, and Kazee Mohkum-oo-deen, Vakeel of the said Maharajah—to make salam on arrival and discuss Hazara and hill affairs.

Rai Kishen Chund, Vakeel of the Lahore Government—with Peshawur letters. Ukhbar Alli Khan—son of Nawab Surfuraz Khan Mooltanwallah—to take me to see his father.

1st May.

Dewan Jowala Sahae of Maharajah Golab Singh, together with Kazee Mohkum-oo-deen, Vakeel of the said Maharajah—on boundary and

other matters. Rai Kishen Chund, Vakeel of the Lahore Government—with Durbar papers. Bawa Luchmun Singh, Motbir of Sirdar Lehna Singh—for himself and master. Moorad Ali Shah, Vakeel of Sirdar Shere Singh—to ask how many of Sirdar Heera Singh's followers are to be admitted into the Fort.

2nd May.

Kazee Mohikum-oo-deen, Vakeel of Maharajah Golab Singh.

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Political Diary of the Agent, Governor-General, North-West Frontier, and Resident at Lahore, from the 2nd to the 8th of May 1847.

SUMMARY OF PUNJAB INTELLIGENCE.

2nd May.

1. The news-writer states that Dewan Jowala Sahae visits Dewan Deena Nath and discusses the proposed exchange of territory between his master and the Lahore Government. He is told to remember the relative positions of the parties and not to forget the heavy balance outstanding against Maharajah Golab Singh in favour of the Durbar or the unceremonious way in which *jagirs*, &c., free from time immemorial, have been resumed by His Highness, concealment of these steps from me being at the same time attempted.

2. Dewan Deena Nath proposes measures for securing to soldiers disabled when fighting against us the small pensions promised them before the war.

3. Peshawur papers containing the revenue accounts of the Yusufzyes arrive. It appears that officers and servants of Sirdars Shere Singh and Aotar Singh had collected 90,000 rupees of which they appropriated 60,000 to themselves. Dewan Deena Nath expressed in strong terms his disapprobation of such dishonesty. It was remarked that as Major Lawrence had translated all the accounts he would probably send them with a report to the Resident.

4. The zemindars of villages in the neighbourhood of Lahore (under contract to Sirdar Shere Singh) complain of extortion. The Sirdar is reproved and desired to make good all damages sustained by them. These are villages I allowed him to rent as he complained bitterly of being unable to procure grass since his farms had been taken from him. I fear he is a bad master.

5. A deduction from the rent-roll of Rawul Pindiee to the amount of 15,000 rupees is made.

3rd May.

1. Agreeably to his request the supervision of the tariff of taxes in the Military Bazar at Peshawur is entrusted to General Golab Singh.

2. The officers of Mullik Futeh Khan, Towanah, make overtures concerning the release of their master. They are told that nothing can be done with a view to ameliorating his condition until the debt of 4 lakhs of rupees be paid down. It is the opinion of the Durbar that the plea of poverty is only a trick on his part.

3. Sirdar Lehna Singh reports that 700 swords, spears, and muskets have been taken from the discharged soldiers in the Manjha.

4. An order is sent to the Thannadar of Umrîtsur to pay ready attention to the wants and wishes of any English gentleman visiting the town.

5. Dewan Jowala Sahae visits Sirdar Tej Singh and proposes the exchange of lands before referred to; the Sirdar replies that my advice will be taken and abided by. He then asks about Cashmere, &c., and gives very good advice to the Dewan.

6. Sirdar Shere Singh sends his Vakeel to Sirdar Tej Singh and Dewan Deena Nath and begs them not to mention to the Resident the defalcations in the collections of Yusufzye.

4th May.

1. Some Brahmins sent by the Maharanee to perform worship at Purmundal, a place of pilgrimage near Jummoo, return and complain of the treatment they there received from the officers of Maharajah Golab Singh, who said that they were only sent to pray for the destruction of their master's kingdom and the release of Rajah Lall Singh and that

they must not come again without the permission of either Maharajah Golab Singh or the Resident. The Maharajah's conjecture was probably not far from the truth.

2. Mr. Melvill conducts the Chiefs from the Palace to Durbar at Anarkullee. I give Dewan Deena Nath an extract of a letter from the Right Honorable the Governor-General approving of his exertions. Sirdar Tej Singh refers to the conduct of Mullik Futteh Khan, Towanah, in not liquidating the claim against him of 4 lakhs of rupees, and proposes by way of a stimulant to imprison him and his family in the Fort of Govindgurh. I reply that it is not the custom of the English to imprison any person for the offence of his relation, whereupon Dewan Deena Nath in considerable excitement rejoined that such is the practice of the Khalsa, but if it is not that of the English why was his family imprisoned last year at Delhi and the females reduced to a single piece of clothes each, although it was the winter season. I replied that I was at Delhi when the order for the sequestration of his property arrived, and that no such injunction as he mentions was given, and that if any annoyance was given to his family it must have been by the Police underlings, who unfortunately are too apt to execute such orders so as to suit their own views. Finally I recommend that three Sirdars be sent to the Mullik to inform him that he must not expect to be released until he has paid up the demand against him. A good deal of conversation regarding police arrangements on the roads then takes place. We dismiss the Chiefs.

3. The Maharanee holds a levee of the principal Sirdars, in which the Huzara Boundary question is mooted.

4. Dewan Kishun Kotiwur, ex-Kardar of Rawul Pindie, has given to the zemindars of that district the sum of 10,000 rupees by way of satisfying their claims on him.

5. Sirdar Lehna Singh is ordered to prohibit the establishment of spirit shops within a circle of 12 miles of the city of Umritsur.

6. From Umritsur news it appears that during the search of Bhare Goormukh Singh's house, Sirdar Runjore Singh's private account book was discovered. Among other items was found one of the purchase of 7,400 tolas of gold and a Bill of Deposit on Lalla Tek Chund to the amount of 59,000 rupees.

5th May.

1. News of the arrival of Sirdar Heera Singh at the Shalimar Bagh being reported, the Maharajah and the principal Chiefs go to welcome him, and on their return the Maharange, attended by her women, hastens out and makes a great display of affection, throwing her arms round her brother and kissing him on both cheeks.

2. From Peshawar papers it appears that Major G. Lawrence has caused a remission of customary taxes and fines in favour of a number of poor people, whose houses suffered much damage in a recent storm, and secondly that a woman who poisoned her husband has been paraded through the city on an ass with her face blackened.

3. The Vakeel of Sirdar Tej Singh reports to the Durbar that he has forwarded to me the sum of 1,000 rupees subscribed by the Maharajah and Maharange and five hundred by Sirdar Tej Singh, towards the Famine Fund for Ireland.

6th May.

1. This morning the son of Mier Belee Ram, the late Treasurer, and nephew of Mier Meg Raj, the present one, having accidentally thrown down a soldier of H. M.'s 10th Regiment by riding against him was seized by the man's companions and taken to the Huzoorabagh, where both he and his horse were detained. His uncle on hearing what had occurred sent some of his people to effect the boy's release. They came to Brigadier Campbell's quarters, where Mr. Melvill and I happened to be: we immediately went to the Orderly Room of the 10th Regiment and were glad to find that Colonel Franks on ascertaining that the affair was accidental had released the boy, whom we saw in the square much terrified. We quieted him and sent him on Mr. Melvill's horse while his own was being released.

2. Dewan Deena Nath and the principal Sirdars succeed in getting from Sirdar Runjore Singh a written declaration of amity and obedience towards Lehna Singh to the effect that his heart is unbiassed and that he will regard him as his father, take up his abode at any place in the Manjah that may be desired, make restitution to his brother for whatever he has unlawfully gotten, and regularly square up his accounts. The document is put into the hand of Sirdar Lehna Singh, who delivers it to Rag.

Kishun Chund to show to me. I observed that it did not appear to me material what Runjore Singh now wrote and that I recommended his being well looked after.

3. The Maharanee sends a message to the Durbar expressive of her wish that Sirdar Heera Singh should visit me.

4. The Durbar send a deputation to Mullik Futteh Khan, Towanah, for the purpose of effecting a negotiation. He proposes among other things that either his relations be convened for the purpose of giving bail for him, or that his son be allowed to go to his house to bring the money payable for the first instalment. He expresses himself anxious to come to an arrangement.

5. Sirdar Tej Singh announces in public Durbar the various sums subscribed by the Maharajah and Sirdars towards the Irish Relief Fund by way, I suppose, of inciting others to contribute. He also hints to Dewan Deena Nath the advisability of reducing Sirdar Heera Singh's complements of soldiers and attendants.

7th May.

1. The Kardars of Kussoor and other places are ordered to remit all duties on cattle coming to Lahore on account of the English.

2. Sirdar Heera Singh gives the Durbar a glowing description of his visit to Hindustan, averring that he has received no violence or harm during the whole of his wanderings.

3. Some more *jogees* who had stationed themselves round a large fire near the Mustee Gate, declaring that they would destroy themselves unless reinstated in the possession of their *jagor*, are sent off crest-fallen by Sirdar Lehna Singh and Dewan Deena Nath: in reference to them the Dewan remarked that without some severity government could not be carried on.

4. News of the probable exchange of Munawar with Maharajah Golab Singh having reached the ears of the zemindars of that estate, they refuse to pay up their revenue to the Lahore Kardar: he is told to scold them.

5. Spears, shields, muskets, &c., to the number of 759 are reported to have been taken from the discharged Manjha soldiers.

6. After consultation with me it is decided to confer the rank of Sirdar on Generals Golab Singh, Pohoovindeeah, Kanh Singh, Man, and Ram Singh, Jellawallea.

7. A notice is promulgated that a fine of 50 rupees will be levied on any Vakeel who shall display unreasonable tardiness in deciding the cases of his Kardar.

8. Sirdar Heera Singh pays me a visit of ceremony this evening. He looks as debauched as ever.

8th May.

1. Five of my Assistants accompany me to Durbar at the Palace. Rae Kishun Chund presents me with the judgment against Baba Dheerput, signed by the leading elders of Dera Nanak. I observed that the decree of death was a righteous one and ask where the Durbar proposed that the offender should be executed, and am told in reply that a man has been already sent from the Kotwal to conduct the murderer to his own village, where he is to be hanged. I present a magnificent copy of the "*Kurtoma*" written in gold to the Maharajah. Generals Kanh Singh, Man, and Ram Singh, Jellawallea, on being raised to the rank of Sirdars, receive the usual *khillat* of investiture. As both of them hold responsible posts in the country, I express to them my hope that they will be grateful to the Maharajah for the honor conferred and strive to merit it by continued good conduct. The *khillat* in reserve for General Golab Singh, Pohoovindeeah, on his exaltation to the rank of Sirdar is to be forwarded to him through Major G. Lawrence. I again refer to the case of Mullik Futteh Khan, Towanah, who as a defaulter is imprisoned and his son with him. I again suggest the release of his son and that eight days more be allowed the father to make an arrangement, failing which, I said, I would not object to his being sent to Govindgurh and that it was not right to imprison the son for the father's offence. The Durbar consent. We take leave.

2. In consequence of a hint dropped by me in Public Durbar this morning to Sirdar Lehna Singh 5,000 rupees are voted for repairing the Umritsur road, which is in a very bad state.

3. The names of the following persons are added to the list of subscribers towards the Irish Famine Fund:—

| | Rs. |
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| Sirdar Shere Singh | 500 |
| Sirdar Jhunda Singh, Botancea (sic) ... | 125 |
| Sirdar Nabur Singh, Attaree | 125 |
| Sirdar Ram Singh | 125 |
| Sirdar Kanh Singh, Man | 125 |
| Sirdar Goormukh Singh, Lumman ... | 125 |
| Sheikh Imam-oo-deen | 250 |
| Sirdar Lall Singh, Moraree | 125 |
| Bukhshee Bhuggut Ram | 125 |

Copies of the following Diaries are herewith enclosed:—Peshawar Political Diary from 25th April to 1st May 1847 from Major G. St. P. Lawrence; Bunnoo Political Diary from 27th to 29th April 1847 from Lieutenant H. B. Edwards.

The Durbar has recalled Dewan Dowlut Rai from Dera Ishmael Khan in consequence of his bad conduct towards the Bunnoo Detachment.

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VISITS PAID AND RECEIVED.

3rd May.

Fakeer Noorooddeen—private information: Lallah Asa Nund, Vakeel of Mooltan—Mooltan affairs. Fakeer Zahoor-oo-deen—to show Maharajah's handwriting. Kazeer Mohkum-oo-deen, Vakeel of Maharajah Golab Singh—Huzara affairs.

Dewan Deena Nath—various Durbar affairs. Bhace Mukhum Singh, Granthee, inhabitant of Umritsur—with sweetmeats. Jullal Khan, Bhutte—about complaints made by ryots of his jagher.

4th May.

Sirdars Tej Singh and Lehna Singh; Bhace Nidhan Singh; Goormookh Singh, Lumman; Jowalla Singh, son of Futeh Singh, Man; Hurdut Singh, Pudhanceah; Khooshee Ram, Vakeel of Sirdar Lehna Singh; Syud Moortuza Shah, Valaette; Lungur Khan, Saheewallah; Fakeer Noor-oo-deen; Dewan Deena Nath; Rae Kishun Chund, Vakeel

of the Lahore Government; General Ram Singh; Lalla Ruttun Chund, Doogul; Meean Ruttun Sain, Mundeewallah; Sirdars Golab Singh and Kanh Singh, Mulwie; General Kanh Singh, Man; Sirdars Sirdole Singh and Boor Singh; Hurnam Singh; Ram Singh, Chacheewallah; Goormookh Singh, Majeethia; Ummer Singh; Sirdar Shere Singh; Lalla Anunt Ram, Muchhoo; Sirdar Runjore Singh; Sheikh Imam-oo-deen; Dewan Vesakha Singh; Fakeer Chiragh-oo-deen; Mool Singh, Vakeel of Sirdar Tej Singh; Baba Luchmun Singh, Motbir of Sirdar Lehna Singh; Kazee Mohkum-oo-deen, Vakeel of Maharajah Golab Singh; Sirdar Tahmon Singh (*sic*), Motbir of Dyea Koor; Gholam Kasim Khan, Ali Khan, and Shah Newaz Khan, Tankwallas; Fakeer Zahoor-oo-deen, son of Fakeer Noor-oo-deen; Dewan Jowalla Sahae of Maharajah Golab Singh—public Durbar.

5th May.

General Ram Singh, Jullawallah—*to receive instructions on promotion and appointment to *nizamut* of country between Chenab and Jhelum.* Akhoonzada Gholam Mohce-oo-deen, Motbir of Sirdar Sultan Mahomed Khan—*to ask for audience for son of Sultan Mahomed Khan.*

Bhurrul Singh, Vakeel of Meer Shere Mahomed Khan, Scindhee—*salaam.* Rajah Humeroollah Khan, Rajoureewallah—*salaam.* Sirdar Lall Singh, Nabhawallah—*salaam.* Bhacee Dull Singh, together with the zemindars of Rawul Pindi—*to take leave on appointment to Rawul Pindie.*

Rajah Fyz Tulub Khan, Bhimburwallah—*with secret intelligence.* Dewan Jowalla Sahae and Kazee Mohkum-oo-deen, Vakeel of Maharajah Golab Singh—*Jummoo and Cashmere affairs.* Mool Singh, Vakeel of Sirdar Tej Singh—*with Durbar papers.*

6th May.

Meer Unwur Shah, Captain Nicholson's Moonshee—*to take leave.* General Kanh Singh, Man—*to make salaam on appointment to judgment seat of Lahore.* Lallah Asa Nund, Vakeel of Mooltan—*to report arrival of cash.*

7th May.

Meean Lall Singh, Ukhnooreeah—*about his Jummoo jagier.* Kazee Mohkum-oo-deen, Vakeel of Maharajah Golab Singh—*Jummoo affairs.* Rajah Humeroollah Khan, Rajoureewallah—*inheritance.* Sirdar Sirdole Singh—*dispute with his brother.* Bhacee Suroop Singh, Brahmin,

who resides in the monument of Hukeekut Rai—with sweetmeats, Meean Ulukh Deo, Munkoteewallah—maintenance. Rai Kishen Chund, Vakeel of the Lahore Government—with Durbar papers.

Kurrun Shah, servant of Futteh Khan, Towanah—with proposals from his master. Sirdar Uttur Singh, Kalleanwallah, and his son Lall Singh—to introduce his son proceeding on duty to Hussun Abdal.

Sirdar Ibrahim Khan, son of Sirdar Sultan Mahomed Khan—salaam. Radha Kishen Pundit; Sirdar Heera Singh, uncle of Sirkar Maharajah; and Bhace Ameera, Deoreewallah—on return from Benares. Lallah Gunesb Das, Moonshee of Sirdar Uttur Singh, Kalleanwallah—with master.

31st May.

Ali Ruza Khan, Valactee, well-wisher of the British Government—to say he is going away. Bhurrul Singh, Vakeel of Meer Shere Mahomed Khan, Sindhee—from his master. Shivdecal, Moonshee of Rai Kishun Chund—from Durbar.

Kazee Mohkum-oo-deen, Vakeel of Maharajah Golab Singh—with letters from Maharajah. Sirdar Kanb Singh, Man—with his Vakeel Ujub Singh; and Sirdar Ram Singh, Jellawalla, with Gopal Singh, his Motbir—on their promotion to the rank of Sirdar.

Meeah Das, Motbir of Bhace Nidhan Singh; Mool Singh, Vakeel of Sirdar Tej Singh—with muster rolls of Army. Zubberdust Khan, Motbir of Sirdar Shere Singh—to ask for interview.

Sirdar Jowalla Singh, Man, son of Futteh Singh, Man—to complain against his brother. Dewan Jowalla Sahae, of Maharajah Golab Singh—to discuss Huzarah affairs.

2nd May.

Dewan Kishen Chund, Motbir of Sirdar Heera Singh, the uncle of Maharaja Dulleep Singh.

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Political Diary of the Agent, Governor-General, North-West Frontier, and Resident at Lahore, from the 9th to the 15th of May 1847.

SUMMARY OF PUNJAB INTELLIGENCE.

9th May.

1. A *jageer* of 3,600 rupees in the district of Wuzceerabad is granted to Sirdar Lall Singh, Kalawallah, in addition to his former *jageer*.
2. Sirdar Shumshere Singh, Sindhanwallah, reports his having stationed one Regiment and a Detachment of Artillery in the Fort of Lukkee and two Regiments in the cantonment of Shahpoor.
3. From the Mooltan Akhbar it appears that Dewan Moolraj is still sore at the loss of the Jhung district.
4. The Peshawur Akhbar mentions that Major G. Lawrence is busily employed and that his arrangements give general satisfaction.
5. Dewan Deena Nath having examined the Cashmere accounts of the last five years brings in a balance of 9,72,000 Hurree Singhee rupees against the Sheikh, who requires the pay of 12,000 fighting men kept up by him to be deducted from the amount.
6. It is mentioned in Durbar that the *jageers* of Sirdar Chutter Singh, Attareewallah, are worth 2,98,000 rupees.
7. A coolness is reported between Sirdar Shere Singh on one hand and his father and three younger brothers on the other.
8. Rajah Lall Singh's and other useless office establishments have been discharged.

10th May.

1. Sirdar Joalla Singh, Man, is dissatisfied with the distribution of his late father's property made by the Durbar between himself and his elder brother, Sardool Singh.
2. Batta is authorized for the Artillery Detachment at Dera Ishmael Khan.
3. Dewan Deena Nath estimates the expenses of the Aeen Troops, Sowars, Royal elephants and stables and Rancee's stipend at 72 lakhs per annum.

4. Sheikh Imam-oo-deen gives a promissory note for 1,01,000 Hurree Singhee rupees, balance of Cashmere revenue due. His rendering an account has been quite optional.

5. Sirdar Shumshere Singh, Sindhanwalla, reports all his attempts to procure money for the pay of his troops from Dowlut Rai, Kardar of Dera Ishmael Khan, to have been unsuccessful. A *perwannah* is addressed to Dowlut Rai directing him to present himself at Lahore.

6. Dewan Deena Nath submits to me an abstract of the current expenditure.

11th May.

1. Mr. Cocks conducts the Chiefs to the Durbar at the Residency. I inquire what punishment is to be inflicted on the matricide and fratriicide Baba Dheerput, and am informed that he is about to be sent to the scene of his crimes there to suffer death by hanging. Sirdar Tej Singh submits a "Present State" of the Aeen Troops. I recommend that some punishment be inflicted on Dowlut Rai, Kardar of Dera Ishmael Khan, for his misconduct as reported by Captain Edwardes and Sirdar Shumshere Singh. Alum Shere Khan, son of Mullik Futeh Khan, released from arrest at my instance, presents himself. I desire him to impress on his father the necessity of making some arrangement for the liquidation of the Durbar claim on him. I suggest to the Sirdars the advisability of sending for Dewan Joalla Sahab and entering into some equitable arrangement for the exchange of Huzara, etc. The Durbar breaks up.

2. The arrival at Peshawur of Dewan Hakim Rai is reported.

3. Sirdar Dhurram Singh writes that Sirdar Chutter Singh, Attareewalla, had not yet given up to him the Forts of Kuller, Turali, and Sukhokee, and that he was moreover increasing the number of his troops and laying in stores of ammunition: the other Sirdars sent the letter to Sirdar Shere Singh for perusal.

12th May.

1. A *perwannah* is addressed to Dewan Dowlut Rai, Kardar of Dera Ishmael Khan, informing him of the complaints preferred against him by Captain Edwardes and Sirdar Shumshere Singh, Sindhanwallah,

and desiring him immediately to advance a sufficient sum to relieve the necessities of the troops in Bunnoo; and then lose no time in presenting himself at Lahore with his collections on account of the *rubbi* harvest.

2. Sirdars Tej Singh, Lehna Singh and Uttur Singh, Kalawalla, and Dewan Deena Nath inform the Ranee that it had been determined on (should the Resident approve) to resume her brother Sirdar Heera Singh's *jageers* of Goojranwallah and Batala; also to take from him his guns, 11 in number, and 4 companies of Infantry and 2 *Resalahs* of Cavalry, leaving him for his maintenance his *jageers* of Bhopalwalla and Dhuleepgurh.

3. Bootah Singh, the Ranee's Moonshee, brings an order on the Treasury for 10,000 rupees to Dewan Deena Nath for countersignature: the Dewan tears it up and says he cannot connive at any attempt of the Ranee's to overdraw her fixed allowance.

4. The paymasters are informed that at the suggestion of the British authorities the pay of the Sepoys of the Aeen Troops has been fixed at the following rates, *viz.*, for the 1st year, 6 rupees; 2nd year, 7 rupees; after the 5th year, rupees 7-8; after the 12th year, rupees 8 per mensem.

5. The Kotwal receives instructions to put to death the murderers Sudh Singh and Sunt Singh of Eesapoor and Baba Dheerput of Baba Nanuk.

13th May.

1. The arrival of General Littler in the Huzooreehagh is reported.

2. The Sirdars discuss among themselves the question of the transfer of the Huzara country.

3. From the Akhbar of Rawul Pindie it appears that the zemindars of Suwan had attacked and burnt the fort there: those present remark that the said zemindars have ever been a troublesome set.

4. Dewan Deena Nath and Sirdar Shere Singh have some angry words on the subject of the latter's father's delay in surrendering the Forts of Kuller, Turali, and Sukhokee. The Dewan accuses the Sirdar of having embezzled a large portion of the revenues of Peshawur while Governor, also those of Poonch and Chibul when he had charge of these districts. The Dewan recommends him to write to his father to

delay no longer in obeying the Durbar's orders, unless he wishes to be reported to the Resident and bring disgrace on himself. Sirdar Shere Singh promises to do so and expresses his confidence that his father will (on receipt of his letter) no longer hesitate to obey the Durbar's orders. Tej Singh, Lehna Singh, and Uttur Singh, Kalawalla, took part in this discussion which lasted for some hours.

14th May.

1. The Ranee sends for the Sirdars and solicits that Sirdar Heera Singh may be permitted to retain all his *jageers* and troops. The Sirdars promise to represent the matter of the *jageers* to me, but tell her that the troops and guns must be given up.

2. Sirdar Tej Singh proposes carrying on the Shah Nahr Canal from the Shalimar Gardens to Anarkullee.

3. Mir Meg Raj reports that the seven lakhs received from the British authorities have been expended and that it will be necessary to call on the Kardars for further remittances.

4. Fakcer Noor-oo-deen and Rai Kishen Chund report to Sirdar Tej Singh their having submitted to me the Durbar's resolution regarding the proposed exchange of the Huzara territory; and that I had in strong terms expressed my displeasure at the Durbar's conduct in, after having acceded to the proposition for a transfer, now endeavouring to recede from their engagement. The Sirdar sends over a confidential servant to confer on the matter with Dewan Deena Nath, and they agree to consent to any arrangement which I may propose at the following morning's Durbar.

15th May.

1. Four of my Assistants accompany me to Durbar at the Palace. I mention Messrs. Taylor and Melvill having started for Cashmere and that I intend the former to relieve Lieutenant Lumsden at Peshawur. I speak to Dewan Deena Nath about making some arrangement for the payment of the remaining portion of the Ramgole Troops at Peshawur who are reported to be greatly in arrears. I inform the Chiefs that I am at a loss to comprehend the meaning of their resolution presented to me yesterday regarding the exchange of Huzara. Dewan Deena Nath replies that the great obstacle to any definite arrangement is the consideration of the trouble and expense which will always attend the

possession of such a rebellious country. I answer that I doubt not the Commissioners on the part of the three Governments will make such a settlement as will prevent the Lahore Government sustaining any loss by the transfer, and that I am therefore of opinion that the Durbar should act up to their agreement. I mention that merchants from Dera Ismael Khan all complain of the over-exactions of the Kardar there: the Sirdars inform me that his dismissal has been determined on. I propose that some Government arms and ammunition reported to be in the possession of Ranjore Singh be deposited in the Magazine. We take leave.

2. The *ilakah* of Batala is taken from Sirdar Heera Singh and let in farm to a brother of Rai Kishen Chund. The Sirdar's *jageers* in the district of Wazecrabad granted by Rajah Lall Singh are ordered to be resumed.

Copy of Lieutenant Edwardes' letter No. 7, dated 4th instant, and of his Diaries from 5th to 12th instant, relating to Bunnoo affairs, are enclosed.

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VISITS PAID AND RECEIVED.

10th May.

Fakeer Noor-oo-deen—private talk. Sirdar Shere Singh—private talk. Jaifer Alli, the well-wisher of the British, and inhabitant of Ghuznee—for service. Bhace Mukhun Singh, Grunthee—for protection paper.

Jullal Khan, Bhurtee—about *jageer* dispute. Akhoon Fuzzul Alli, of Dera Ismael Khan—salaam. Mullick Hubbeeb-oolah—resident of Shahpore—about Cashmere *jageer*. Sirdar Hussun Mahomed Khan, son of Sirdar Yar Mahomed Khan and nephew of Sirdar Sooltan Mahomed Khan,—about *jageer*.

Kanah (*sic*), Vakeel of Sirdar Dhurrun Singh, Jullawalleah; Kazee Mohikum-oo-deen, Vakeel of Maharajah Gola Singh; and Dewan Deena Nath—to talk on their master's affairs in reference to letters just received from Captain Abbott and Mr. Vans Agnew.

11th May.

Sirdars Tej Singh, Shere Singh, and Lena Singh; Dewan Deena Nath; Sirdar Utter Singh, Kallewalla; Fakeer Noor-oo-deen;

Rai Kishen Chund; Sirdar Golab Singh; Sirdar Ram Singh, Jullawal-
leah; Sirdar Kanh Singh, Man; Meean Ruttun Sain, Mundeewallah;
Sirdar Heera Singh; Dewan Vusakha Singh; Ujjub Singh, Vakeel of
Sirdar Kanh Singh, Man; Sirdar Goordut Singh, Mulwie; Fakeer
Surrauj-oo-deen; Sirdar Ummer Singh, Majethia; Sirdar Kanh Singh,
Nukae; Sirdars Jhunda Singh, and Nehal Singh, Koonjahca; Bhae
Nidhan Singh; Ram Chund, Mohurwallah; Bawa Fakeer Buksh, Derawal-
lah; Goormookh Singh, Lumman; Bawa Muheyan Singh; Hurdut Singh,
Pudhaneah; Lallah Anunt Ram, Muchhoo; Sirdar Sirdole Singh; Colone,
Bal Singh of the Artillery; Fakeer Zahoor-oo-deen; Bawa Luchmun Singh,
Motbir of Sirdar Lehna Singh; Lalla Munglee Lall; Moonshee Ruttun
Chund with the long beard; Ruttun Chund, Dooggal; Ruttun Singh,
Gurjakha; General Golab Singh, Majethia; Fayz Buksh, Koomedan;
Khoshee Ram, Vakeel of Sirdar Lehna Singh; Jullal Khan, Bhuttee;
Aulum Shere Khan, son of Futeh Khan, Towanah; Hurnam Singh; Mool
Singh, Vakeel of Sirdar Tej Singh; Sirdar Jowala Singh; Mullick
Hubbeeb-oolah; Gholam Kasim Khan, Ali Khan, and Shah Niwaz Khan,
Jageerdars of Tank; Dewan Taik Chund of Male Chund, Koore; Ummer
Singh, son of Bawa Muheyan Singh; Sobha Ram, Lungra; Ram Chund,
Mohurwallah and Lungar Khan, Saheewallah—public Durbar.

The following called again after the Durbar was over:—Dewan
Jowala Sahaie of Maharajah Golab Singh, and Kazeo Mohkum-oo-deen,
the Vakeel of the said Maharajah—Maharajah Golab Singh's affairs
Aulum Shere Khan, son of Futeh Khan, Towanah—regarding the
Durbar claims on his father.

11th May.

Meean Abdoolrahman of Jellalabad—salaam. Hakeem Khoda Buksh,
Mother of Nawab Mahomed Bahwal Khan, Bahadoor, and Radha Kishen
—with *khurreetas*. Munglee Lall, Moonshee of Rae Kishen Chund,
Vakeel of the Lahore Government—with papers from Durbar.

Meer Khan Mahomed Khan, brother of Meer Shere Mahomed
Khan, Sindhee, with Bhurral Singh, Vakeel—salaam. Muddud Khan,
son of General Elabee Buksh of the Lahore Artillery—dispute of his
father.

12th May.

Bawah Luchmun Singh, Mother of Sirdar Lehna Singh—with official
papers. Bhurral Singh, Vakeel of Meer Shere Mahomed Khan, Sindhee—

to receive letters from Calcutta Ameer. Fakeer Zahoore-oo-deen—with Maharajah's writing lesson. Lalla Munglee Lall, Moonshee of Rae Kishen Chund, Vakeel—with papers. Ujjub Singh, Vakeel of Sirdar Kanh Singh, Man—*adalat* business.

14th May.

Bawa Luchman Singh, Mother of Sirdar Lehna Singh, and Khooshee Ram, Vakeel of the said Sirdar—with Manjha papers. Mean Lall Singh, Jummoowalla—about *jageers*. Sirdar Kanh Singh, Man, with his Vakeel Ujjub Singh—*adalat* business.

Kishen Chund, Mother of Sirdar Heera Singh—to ask interview with master. Bhurrul Singh, Vakeel of Meer Shere Mahomed Khan, Sindhee—with letters from Ameer.

Mool Singh, Vakeel of Sirdar Tej Singh—with Durbar papers. Khaleefa Noor-oo-deen and Rae Kishen Chund, Vakeel of the Lahore Government—with memo. from Durbar regarding Huzara exchange.

15th May.

Fakeer Noor-oo-deen and Sirdar Golab Singh—to take us to Durbar. Dewan Jowala Sahale of Maharajah Golab Singh, with Kazee Mohkum-oo-deen, Vakeel of the said Maharajah—Huzara, etc., affairs.

Dewan Kishen Koonwur, son of Dewan Hakim Rao, with Nund Singh, his Mother—own and father's affairs. Bulloo Mull and Ram Millawa, Vakeel of the Alloowallah Chief, and Khooshee Ram, Vakeel of Sirdar Lehna Singh—to talk and pay compliments.

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Political Diary of the Agent, Governor-General, North-West Frontier, and Resident at Lahore, from the 16th to the 22nd of May 1847.

SUMMARY OF PUNJAB INTELLIGENCE.

16th May.

1. The Ranee again complains that some Brahmins whom she had despatched to the shrine of Purmandil, in the Jummo hills, to pray for the Maharajah's health and prosperity, had been obliged to return by

Meean Runbir Singh, the son of Maharajah Golah Singh: Sirdar Tej Singh remarks that the Meean probably fancied that the Brahmins had come to pray for the restoration of Rajah Lall Singh and the downfall of the Jummoo Raj; and recommends the Ranee to send instead to Umritsur or Benares. Very good advice.

2. The Ranee sends for Sirdar Tej Singh, and tells him she thinks the *jageers* of all the Sirdars should be reduced in proportion to those of Sirdar Heera Singh.

3. Sirdar Chuttur Singh, Attariwallah, is written to to obey the orders previously sent him to deliver up certain forts to Sirdar Dhurm Singh, unless he wishes to incur the displeasure of the Durbar.

4. A servant of Sirdar Jewan Singh's, named Futteh Singh, is reported to have been added by the Ranee to her list of favourites.

5. An *urzee* is received from Sirdar Chuttur Singh, Attariwallah representing his long and faithful service, and praying to be allowed to remain in possession of the forts of Kullur, Turali and Sukhokee. A *farmaanah* is addressed to him in reply to the effect that he has not yet incurred the displeasure of the Durbar, and that the *adaluts* of Attok and Jeylum has been conferred on him, but that the forts must be given up to Sirdar Dhurm Singh.

17th May.

1. The Ranee and Sirdar Heera Singh conversing together acknowledge that the latter has reason to be satisfied with the treatment he has experienced at the Resident's hands.

2. Sirdar Tej Singh observes that notwithstanding all that the Resident has said to Sirdar Runjore Singh, he has not yet adjusted his differences with Sirdar Lehna Singh.

3. Sirdar Tej Singh and Dewan Deena Nath talking over the Cashmere accounts, the latter remarks that the Sheikh's office papers shew the receipts within the last five years to have been one crore six lakhs and eleven thousand Cashmere rupees; that of this sum the Sheikh had only paid to Government and in *jagheers* 44 lakhs, and that he now wanted to persuade the Durbar that except 1 lakh and 1,000 rupees he had expended the balance in the pay of his troops. Sirdar Tej Singh

remarks that were Maharajah Runjeet Singh alive, he would compel the Sheikh to disgorge at least 2½ lakhs; that as it was, the Sheikh should be allowed the pay of such troops as he had been authorized to keep up, but that the Durbar would not, of course, bear the expense of those whom he had entertained on his own responsibility.

4. In the Ukthar from Captain Edwardes' camp it is reported that, in the district of Tank, many complaints had been made to that officer against Futteh Khan, Towanah, for the murder of Ashik Mahomed, Paindahi Khan and others of the principal Jagheerdars.

5. Mier Megraj reports the Rancee's having sent to him for 20,000 rupees: he is desired to repeat to her that she cannot be permitted to overdraw her allowance.

6. Fakcer Noor-oo-deen and Rae Kishen Chund report their having submitted to me a memorandum of the Durbar's resolution regarding the exchange of Huzara, of which I had partly approved; also that I had told them that Maharajah Golab Singh would have a cantonment at Muzufferabad; and that I thought that the Sikh force, which would be stationed in the cantonments of Rawal Pindoo and Hussun Abdal, would contribute to overawe the people of Huzara and would obviate the necessity of keeping a large force in Huzara itself.

18th May.

1. Major Macgregor conducts the Chiefs to the Durbar at the Residency. It is determined at my suggestion to allow Hussun Mahomed Khan, a nephew of Sirdar Sultan Mahomed Khan, to proceed to Peshawur, and 1,000 rupees and a pair of shawls are ordered for his *rookhsutana*. Sirdar Lehna Singh, Majeethia, informs me that two of the men concerned in the late murder at Mean Meer have been seized, and are found to belong to the same gang which lately stole a silver *howda* from Rai Kishen Chund. I commended the exertions of Sirdar Lehna Singh, and remarked that capital punishment must be inflicted on some of these desperate characters. Deena Nath said that my opinion in such matters was in accordance with that of Runjeet Singh.

2. It was stated that 1 lakh of rupees from this and a similar sum from Umritsur is about to be despatched to Peshawur for the pay of the Rangoles there. Sirdar Tej Singh agreed to the truth of an observa-

tion of mine that the troops at Peshawur are now well satisfied with that station. I had remarked that General Cortlandt had written to and told Lieutenant Edwardes that difficulties might arise from the soldiers only getting two months' leave of absence at a time instead of four as they had been accustomed to in Runjeet Singh's time, and I asked if such were the case. Sirdar Tej Singh and Dewan Deena Nath replied that General Cortlandt was entirely wrong and that from of old two months' leave had been the custom. I remarked, in that case it was extremely improper in General Cortlandt making such assertions, and putting ideas of the kind into the soldier's heads. I stated that Major Lawrence had sent me a list of remittances from soldiers at Peshawur, and that I advised every care being taken to gratify the men in such matters. I recommended an early modification of the customs house rules, which are now very oppressive. Deena Nath replied that Mistr Rulla Ram was warned to attend for the purpose of assisting in the arrangements. After some remarks from me about rail-roads, steam carriages and boats, we took leave.

3. The Ranee sends for Sirdar Tej Singh and Deena Nath, and endeavours, but without success, to obtain some money in advance of her allowance.

4. Mistr Rulla Ram is ordered to put a stop to the levying of customs duties by his officers on the boats of merchants (British subjects) on the Sutlej, as it is in breach of the treaty of March 1846.

19th May.

1. Sirdars Tej Singh, Shere Singh, Lehna Singh, Uttur Singh and Dewan Deena Nath and Rae Kishen Chund proceed to the Huzoorce Bagh to pay their respects to General Litler and are courteously received by that officer.

2. In the Ukbar from Captain Edwardes' camp it is reported that Hyatoolah Khan, Nawab of Tank, had waited on that officer and made a series of heavy charges against Futteh Khan, Towanah, for having murdered many members of his family and plundered their property.

3. Sirdar Heera Singh is informed that through the kindness of the Resident he has been allowed to retain his *jagheer* of Goojranwalla and that those of Bhopalwala, Chaoni and Batala have been resumed.

4. Ruttun Chand, Doogul, reports in Durbar my having expressed annoyance at the little pains taken to investigate the Sheikh's Cashmerie accounts. Sirdar Tej Singh remarks, they must make up for it by paying unusual attention to the examination of the Doab ones. What I did say was that as he chose to present accounts, they should be true ones.

* 20th May.

1. The Ranee, desirous of the company of a Fakir alchymist, publicly adopts him as her brother that their intimacy may not give rise to scandal.

2. The Kardar of Khatir is ordered to make a fair allowance to his ryots, when collecting revenue, for loss occasioned by the ravages of locusts.

3. The chief Treasurer is ordered to send the Ranee monthly her stipend of Rs. 12,500, and strictly to limit her to that amount.

4. A circular is issued to all Kardars forbidding their acceptance of bribes, desiring them to forward a half monthly account of receipts, and to keep a book of fines and *nazzars*. This should have been done a month ago, and is in consequence of a reminder from me on the subject.

5. A smart shock of an earthquake took place about 10 P.M. last night: the frequency of shocks of late is supposed to portend famine or pestilence. It is determined to consult the astrologers on the subject, and the Maharajah and Ranee each give away in charity 20 golden *boothees* and 10 maunds of rice.

21st May.

1. Colonel Uttur Singh, a nephew of Kanh Singh, Man, is informed that it is intended to appoint him to the Military charge of Huzara on the transfer of that district being effected.

2. Sirdar Kanh Singh, Man, begs that the Civil and Military charge of Huzara may be conferred on him and that Dewan Kishen Kour may

be nominated his assistant. He says that if in the first instance three or four regiments are sent, there will soon be no necessity for troops in that quarter.

3. Rai Kishun Chund reports his having submitted to me a rough copy of the Durbar's resolution on the Huzara question and that I had disapproved of their proposition to charge the expense of the troops in garrison in that district to Maharajah Golab Singh; he also stated that with regard to the districts of Chuki, Shoojanpoor and Pathan Kot I had remarked that since the transfer of the hill country to Golab Singh the British Government had been paying pensions to various hill chiefs to the amount of Rupees 56,000 a year, charging the same to Maharajah Golab Singh, and that I now wished the above districts to be made over to the Kangra district, and an equivalent to be taken from Maharajah Golab Singh. The Durbar agree to Chuki, but say the other two are worth a lakh yearly. The Vakeel seems to have intentionally mixed up two matters that had no connexion.

4. It is reported in the Peshawur Ukhbar that Major G. Lawrence had, with the concurrence of Sirdar Golab Singh and Dewan Hakim Rae, decided on reducing the rent of the district of Khutuk, now farmed for 2,64,000 rupees.

5. The city Panches, on behalf of the people, petition the Durbar against the chowkedaree tax. They are told the tax is a good one, and in force everywhere in the British territories.

6. The Sirdars endeavour to make up the difference between Lehna and Runjore Singh.

7. The Fakir alchymist asks permission to go away, as he says he has many enemies: Sirdar Kanh Singh says he must first answer sundry charges against him.

22nd May.

1. Four of my Assistants accompany me to the Durbar at the Palace. I ask Dewan Deena Nath, in the event of the death of a soldier of the State, who is considered heir to his property and arrears of pay? The Dewan replies that his son, widow or parents, or a brother, with whom he has lived on friendly terms, may inherit, but that a brother who had lived separate from the deceased is not considered to have any claim.

Dewan Deena Nath produces the orders which had been issued to Sheikh Emam-oo-deen and his father as to the strength of the force to be kept up in Cashmere. It appears from what the Sheikh and Dewan say that, during the disturbances at Cabul and the misunderstanding which prevailed between Rajas Golsab and Heera Singh, the entertainment of additional troops was sanctioned and that subsequently, on the adjustment of the differences between the above-mentioned Rajas, the non-reduction of this force was owing to the unsettled state of affairs at Lahore. I desire the Sirdars to assemble and investigate thoroughly the accounts submitted by Sheikh Emam-oo-deen as he had volunteered their production.

Lalla Tegh Chund brings me an account shewing the revenue of Soojanpoor and Pathan Kot to be one lakh yearly. I tell him that he is talking of all the lands, whereas those only east of the Canal are referred to: moreover that the matter of the transfer has been settled by Captain Abbott and Dewan Adjoodhea Pershaud, who was deputed for that purpose, and that if the latter has not reported to the Durbar he is to blame; that I have no personal interest in the matter and am only desirous of obtaining an equivalent for the 56,000 rupees paid to Hill pensioners: and that such an arrangement may now be effected as will give the Lahore Durbar no cause of dissatisfaction and will leave no ground for dispute hereafter.

I tell the Sirdars to endeavour to reconcile Surdool Singh, Man, and his brother Joalla Singh. We take leave.

2. Rae Kiahen Chund presents a deed of agreement from the Sirdars to the exchange of Huzara.

3. The astrologers report that the earthquake, with the junction of the stars "Zuhl" and "Merikh," prognosticate evil; at their suggestion 10 Pundits are entertained to read the "Granth" for 3 months and Rupees 15-14-0 per diem are ordered for their pay.

4. *Perwanmaks* are addressed to the different Kardars, desiring them to send in their instalments, and in the collection of the revenue to give their Ryots no cause of complaint.

5. The claim of Dewan Moolraj, of Mooltau, against Dya Ram for 2½ lakhs having been investigated by Moonsiffs appointed by either party, 9,000 rupees only are allowed.

6. Copies of the following papers are enclosed :—Major G. St. P. Lawrence's Peshawur Political Diaries from 2nd to 22nd instant.

Lieutenant H. B. Edwardes' Hunnoo Political Diaries from 30th April to 4th instant and from 13th to 21st instant.

Pandit Khunhya Lall's (Office Moonshee's) Diaries en route to Cashmere from 21st April to 15th May; they are very creditable productions and have not been corrected, but are exact transcripts of his journal. I sent him as a News-writer, and to assist Mr. Winterbottom, a scientific gentleman travelling for his own pleasure and represented to be a good Botanist.

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VISITS PAID AND RECEIVED.

17th May.

Sirdar Shere Singh; Dewan Balsakha Singh; Sirdar Heera Singh, Jallawallah, with his Vakeel Kanb Singh; Sirdar Heera Singh with his Motbir, Dewan Kishen Chund; Bhace Ameera, Deoreewalla; Akhoon-zada Gholam Mohce-oo-deen, Motbir of Sirdar Sooltan Mahomed Khan; Hubeehoolah, inhabitant of Shahpore; Outar Singh, Bhuddoowallah; Ruggobur Deo, Jummoowalla; Ulkh Deo, Munkotera; Dewan Jowalla Saanae with Kazeer Mohkum-oo-deen, Vakeel of Maharajah Golab Singh; Fakir Noor-oo-deen; Rae Kishen Chund, Vakeel of the Lahore Government; Dewan Deena Nath—public Durbar.

18th May.

Sirdars Tej Singh, Shere Singh and Lehna Singh; Dewan Deena Nath; Rae Kishen Chund, Vakeel of the Lahore Government; Sirdar Uttar Singh, Kaleeanwallah; Fakir Noor-oo-deen; Bhace Nidhan Singh; Sirdar Jhunda Singh, Koonjaheer; Ram Singh, Chappawallah; Rutton Sain, Mundeewallah; Rutton Chund with the long beard; Sirdar Jowalla Singh, Man; Lalla Choonee Lall; Goormookh Singh, Lumman; Bhace Mukhun Singh; Golab Singh, Majeethia, of the Artillery; Jussa Singh, Motbir of Sirdar Lehna Singh; Huns Raj, the nephew of Moolraj; Baba Luchmun Singh, Motbir of Sirdar Lehna Singh; Sirdar Mengul Singh, Mudud Khan, son of Elahce Buksh of the Artillery; Phoola Singh, Rukhwalla; Raja Fuzlad Khan, Gurheewalla; Sirdar Golab Singh; Sheikh

Emam-oo-deen; Khooshee Ram, Vakeel of Sirdar Lehna Singh; Ujjub Singh, Vakeel of Sirdar Kanh Singh, Man; Goordut Singh, Mulwie; Ruttun Singh, Goorjakhee; Nihal Singh, Koonjaheea; Fakir Zahoor-oo-deen; Lalla Anunt Ram, Muchhoo; Sirdar Surdool Singh; Baba Fakir Buksh; Baba Mulean Singh; Baba Ummer Singh; Ruttun Chund, Doogul; Jullal Khan, Bhuttee; Hurdut Singh, Pudhanea; Kanh Singh, Man; Sirdar Heera Singh; Kishen Konwur; Dayal Singh, son of Gunda Singh, Koonjaheea; Futteh Khan, Noon; Shere Mahomed Khan, Towannah; Kanh Singh, Kohareeah; Moonshee Nubbee Buksh—public Darbar.

19th May.

Ruttun Chund, Doogul—with accounts of Darbar. Meer Khan Mahomed Khan, Sindhee, with his Vakeel Bhurral Singh—salaam. Ulkh Deo, Munkotea—*jaghiers*. Mool Singh, Vakeel of Sirdar Tej Singh—with Army papers.

20th May.

Dewan Jowalla Sahae with Kazee Mohkum-oo-deen, the Vakeel of Maharajah Golab Singh—various Cashmere, etc., affairs. Moulvee Saiceemoolah—newswriter of the British Government—salaam.

21st May.

Sirdar Surdool Singh—quarrel with his brother. Mean Shumshere Singh; Rajah Bhoore Singh with his sons Futteh Singh, and Zubber Singh of Jusrota—*jaghiers* and maintenance.

Means Bishen Singh and Jewan Singh; Rajah Hummeedoollah Khan, Rajoureewalla—*jaghiers* and maintenance. Ooneed Singh, Koomedan; and Moher Singh, Adjutant; and Kishen Singh—complaint of discharge: they belonged to the 3rd hill regiment that came away without orders from Mr. Agnew. Peyar Singh, Bhuddoowalla—maintenance.

Ram Chund, Kardar of Wuzerabad—to take leave. Baba Luchmun Singh, Motbir of Sirdar Lehna Singh—Manjha papers. Rae Kishen Chund, Vakeel of the Lahore Government—Darbar papers. Dewan Jowalla Sahae—Cashmere, etc., affairs; and Sheikh Imam-oo-deen.

22nd May.

Lalla Asa Nund, Vakeel of Mooltan—with Mooltan news. Radha Kishen, Vakeel of Nuwahy of Bahawalpore—with *khurecta*. Moulvee Sulcemoola, news-writer—salaam. Rae Kishen Chund, Vakeel of the Lahore Government—with Durbar papers. Sirdar Jowalla Singh—his quarrel with his brother. Mehtab Singh, Motbir of Bhace Mahoo Singh—with personal history, and master's affairs.

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Political Diary of the Agent, Governor-General, North-West Frontier, and Resident at Lahore, from the 23rd to the 29th May 1847.

SUMMARY OF PUNJAB INTELLIGENCE.

23rd May.

1. Orders are issued for raising the 5th Regiment of Aeen Cavalry from the Sowars of Sirdars Shere, Golab and Gopal Singh and the supernumeraries in the other four regiments, each regiment to be 600 strong instead of 800.

2. *Purwanas* are addressed to the different Kardars and Customs Officers forbidding the levy of any tax on salt.

3. Intelligence is received of the apprehension of the conspirator Prema by Maharajah Golab Singh's officers and that he will be at Lahore in a few days.

4. A jealousy is said to exist between Sirdars Shere Singh and Tej Singh; Sirdars Lall Singh, Morareea, Jhunda Singh, Koonjaiah, Fakeer Noor-oo-deen, Ruttun Chund, Doogul, Ruttun Chund, "Reesh Diraz," Sheikh Emam-oo-deen and Bukhshee Bhuggut Ram siding with the former, whilst the latter's party consists of Sirdars Lehna Singh, Kanh Singh, Man, Jewan Singh, Dewan Deena Nath, Mutsuddie Mull, Moonshee Bootah Singh, Bhacees Ameer Buksh and Iseree Singh and Colonel Bal Singh.

24th May.

1. Raze Kishen Chund submits two *roobukarees* from me to the Durbar recommending a systematic examination of Kardars' accounts, and another regarding the accounts of Maharajah Golab Singh for the Mundi Salt Mines and such *ilakas* as had lately been held in farm by the Maharajah, which accounts I recommend should be adjusted now in the presence of Dewan Jowalla Sahace and if necessary that an officer of the Agency would assist.

2. Dewan Deena Nath is engaged in investigating the accounts of the Kardars of the hill country under Sirdars Lehna and Runjore Singh.

3. The Durbar having perused a *roobukaree* from me regarding the advisability of putting a stop to the system of issuing "tunkhwahs" on Kardars agree to adopt the suggestion.

4. To-day being the Queen of England's birthday congratulatory messages with presents of fruit and sweetmeats are received from the Durbar.

5. Dewan Deena Nath furnishes me with a revenue statement.

25th May.

1. An *arree* is received from Sirdar Dhurm Singh, reporting the Forts of Kuller, Turalie and Sukhokee having been made over to him by Sirdar Clutter Singh, Attareewalla.

9. Lieutenant Nicholson conducts the Chiefs to the Durbar at the Residency. Sirdar Shere Singh in reply to enquiries made says his father has recovered his health and that his younger brother Antar Singh may be expected at Lahore in a few days. The Meer Moonshee reads aloud the agreement for the exchange of Huzara between the Lahore Durbar and Maharajah Golab Singh. It is then signed by Dewan Deena Nath and Raze Kishen Chund on the part of the former, and Dewan Jowalla Sahace and Kazee Mohkum-oo-deen on that of the latter. Copies, countersigned by me are then presented to both parties, and at my suggestion a proclamation is drawn up to the effect that the transfer has been made of the free will and consent of the ratifying parties. Sirdar Lehna Singh reports the seizure of the perpetrators of a murder committed some time ago in the Rawul Pindie District. I propose that some

15 or 20 offenders of this class be hanged at one time and place for example sake—and the Sirdars agree. I remark that much progress does not seem to have been made in collecting the 30,000 stand of arms said to be in the possession of parties in the Manjha District; Sirdar Lehna Singh replies that many had gone into the British Provinces in hopes of procuring service there and some had gone to Jummo, others had burned their pieces to avoid detection. Sheikh Emam-oo-deen is asked when his Doaba accounts will be ready, and replies in twenty days. I enquire what has been done towards settling the dispute between Sirdars Lehna and Runjore Singh, and am told that as the latter, whenever sent for, feigns illness nothing can be effected. I propose quartering a few Sowars on him to bring him to his senses, and the Sirdars all concur. I ask how many stand of arms have been collected by Sirdar Kanh Singh between the Chenab and Ravee and am told that the account is in course of preparation. Talking of the custom of giving orders on Kardars having been discontinued, Dewan Deena Nath remarks that it is the commencement of a new and better system of management which he hopes to see fully carried out in a twelve-month. I observe that I have every hope from his skill and activity. The Durbar breaks up.

3. Four Regiments of Infantry, one of Cavalry, 500 Irregular Sowars, 12 guns and 75 zumbooruks are fixed on for service in the Huzara country.

26th May.

1. The Officers of the Force destined for Huzara are ordered to hold themselves in readiness and to indent on the Magazine for what necessaries they may require.

2. Dewan Adjoodeah Pershad reports Captain Abbott's being about to proceed to Cashmere for a few days.

3. The case of a soldier convicted of murder, and who pleads in justification that he committed the crime in obedience to Sirdar Chutter Singh's orders, is desired to be referred to me.

4. Dewan Moolraj of Pind Dadun Khan is written to to dismiss two connections of Mullik Futeh Khan, Towanah, to whom he is reported to have given Kardarships.

5. The Rawul Pindee Akhbar mentions the zemindars of that district having come in and presented *muzzers* to Bhace Dull Singh.

6. Sirdar Ram Singh, Jelawalla, is ordered to collect all the arms in the possession of discharged soldiers or men of indifferent character between the Chenab and the Jheyllum.

27th May.

1. Dewan Deena Nath and the other Sirdars assisted by Baba Meean Singh and Bhace Nidhan Singh go through the form of reconciling Sirdars Lehna Singh and Runjore Singh, Majeethia. The latter humbly declares that he will consider his elder brother henceforward as entitled to the same respect as his father, to which Sardar Lehna Singh responds by disavowing all enmity or ill-will, in proof of which he makes over to Runjore Singh an estate worth Rupees 10,000 a year. The Sirdars all bore witness to this reconciliation, and it seems to have been a very formal affair. I only hope it may prove lasting, but do not expect it.

2. Sirdar Shumshere Singh, Sindhanwalla, presents himself at Durbar on his return from Bunnoo and offers the usual *muzzers* and *surwarans*.

3. Moonshee Bootali Singh offers to rent the revenues of Suteali and Ennabad for Rupees 10,000 more than is now paid by Ganput Race. The offer is accepted and Rupees 3,000 given to Ganput Race in compensation.

4. At Major Macgregor's suggestion the wood-sellers are ordered to build their woodstacks outside instead of inside the City.

5. Sirdar Purtab Singh having died without heirs his *jagier* is resumed and his property lapses to Government.

6. The Durbar Bhaiahs at the City Gates are strictly forbidden to take money from merchants passing in or out of Lahore.

28th May.

1. Rupees 25,000 were drawn from the Motce Munder Treasury to pay the Cavalry.

2. Sirdar Heera Singh presents 5 elephants to the Sirkar on the plea that he can no longer afford to keep them. (This is by way of shewing the hardship of having his *jageers* reduced.) An order was given to the Royal Darogah to supply his elephants with forage.

3. Dewan Deena Nath upbraids Mistr Ameer Chund and his Moonshes with a defalcation in their accounts. The Mistr in defence says that the revenues of Pind Dadun Khan in the autumn of the year when he was appointed to succeed Rajah Golab Singh (*viz.* 1901) were all collected by the Rajah's officers before he arrived and ought not therefore to be charged in his account. The Dewan tells him to produce the receipts furnished by the Rajah's officers and countersigned by the village putwarrees, when the item will be allowed and recovered again from Maharajah Golab Singh through the Resident, who is kindly bringing all Maharajah Golab Singh's late Kardars to account.

4. Orders are issued to all Kardars to prepare maps of their districts and send them in without delay for my inspection.

5. The Courtiers regret to see that so little good has come of the release of Mullik Futteh Khan's son to enable him to collect the money due by his father.

6. Khaleefa Noor-oo-deen informs the Durbar that Lieutenant Edwardes has spoken in high terms of Sirdar Shumshere Singh Sindhanwalla's services in Bunnoo, and I express a hope that the Durbar will give him the praise which he deserves. They say they have already done so.

7. One lakh of rupees is reported by Mistr Saheb Dyal as on its way from Jhung. The Courtiers loudly extol the honesty of that family.

8. Dewan Moolraj of Mooltan was informed that after full investigation between Dya Ram, Dufferree, and Sheikh Nuthoo, whom the Dewan had sent to check Dya Ram's accounts, a balance of Rupees 9,000 had finally been proved against the latter.

9. General Cortlandt has written to the Durbar for leave to come into Lahore for a short time as soon as he had made arrangements for the new Cantonment at Shahpore: he has already been told he may, but evidently wishes to come at once.

10. Bukhshee Bhugut Ram complained that Dewan Dowlut Rasee had given Bhace Nehal Singh (the Bukhshee's accountant sent to pay the troops across the Indus) Hoondees on Lahore in liquidation of an assignment on the Dera Ismael Khan revenues, and that this was the reason why such delay had occurred in paying the Bunnoo force. The Bukhshee now begged the Sirkar to furnish the money out of the Royal Treasury, but orders were sent to Dewan Dowlut Rasee to cash his own Hoondees forthwith.

11. The zemindars of Kullur complained that their Kardar (Sirdar Dhurm Singh) was raising their revenue at the rate of 2 annas in the rupee, which they could not possibly pay. Orders were sent to Sirdar Dhurm Singh to discontinue such practices and collect the revenue in the usual manner.

12. The Chief Cook of the Royal Kitchen brought in his bill for the salaries of his establishment, and the opportunity was taken to inform him that both the Maharajah and the Queen-Mother complained bitterly of the style of his late dinners, which were quite unworthy of his reputation.

13. Sirdar Tej Singh sent for Kazeo Mohkum-oo-deen, the Jummoo Vakeel, and had a long conversation with him relative to the Prema plot.

14. Rasee Kishen Chund laid before the Durbar a *roobukaree* of the Resident's commenting on a case brought to his notice by Lieutenant Edwardes wherein the Killadar of the Royal Fort of Girang on the borders of Dera Ismael Khan had plundered some Afghan merchants and delayed to make restitution when required. The Durbar having heard the case, said orders should be sent to Dewan Dowlut Rasee to imprison the Killadar (Bhowany Singh) for two years with hard labor and make restitution to the plaintiffs.

29th May.

1. The Queen-Mother according to her late custom feeds and washes the feet of Fakeers and Brahmins.

2. Accompanied by my Assistants I attended Durbar this morning. Letters referring to the transfer of Shoojanpore to our authorities were received from the Kardar of that place and read. Dewan Deena Nath read a letter from Mr. John Lawrence asking for information concerning

certain charitable grants in Muhl Mooree and his own reply giving the information required. The Dewan introduced to me Sirdar Shumshere Singh, Mareewalla, who accompanied his namesake, the Sindhanwalla, to Bunnoo. I again urged the Dewan to send me in the statement of *pagars* held in the Punjab which he said was now ready. There was some conversation about the pay of the Chowkeedars in the City, which the citizens think ought not to fall on them as hitherto it never has, but it is obvious that those who profit by the protection are the proper parties to pay for it. Sirdar Lehna Singh accounted for the delay in carrying into execution the sentence of death against Baba Dheerput at Dera Baba Nanuk, considerable interest having been made to get his punishment commuted into imprisonment for life or transportation. I desire that the course of justice might not be impeded, all murderers being of the same rank in the eye of the law. I enquired what had become of the Kardar of Khatun, who had not presented himself before Mr. Agnew and is nowhere to be found. It appeared that he had fled from his *haka* after squeezing it to the utmost and has just arrived in Lahore. I suggested his being imprisoned and put on short allowance, that he may feel some of the inconveniences of hunger, to which he has reduced so many others, and be a warning to other Kardars throughout the kingdom. In reference to the intention of recovering the arms of the disbanded soldiers throughout the country, I remarked that there had been great delay in giving lists of them to Sirdar Lehna Singh in the Manjha, Sirdar Kanh Singh, Man, in Lahore, Sirdar Ram Singh, Jelawallah, in the Doab between the Ravee and Chenab and the Jheylum, and Sirdar Chutter Singh between the Jheylum and the Attok. Pressed despatch in sending troops to Huzira. I then took leave.

3. A *perwana* has been issued summoning to Lahore Baba Dheerput, the murderer, and his father, the officers charged with his execution, and the priests who interfered to prevent it.

4. Boodh Singh, Grunthee, suspected of being concerned in the Prema plot, was put under the charge of Colonel Ajoodhea Pershad's Regiment in the Fort.

5. General Golab Singh, Pohorindeeah, was advised by letter of the despatch of money from Lahore to pay the troops in Peshawur.

6. Peshawar Akhbar relates the arrival of a Motmid of Dost Mahomed Khan with letters for Major George Lawrence.

7. Orders were sent to Dewan Moolraj of Pind Dadun Khan to pay the banker, in whose house were found the jewels of Rajah Heera Singh, the sum of Rupees 7,000, for which they were deposited in pledge.

8. Moonshee Ruttun Chund of the long beard offered to give Rupees 500 towards extending the Shah Nuh Canal to Anarkullee if the Sirkar would allow his garden to be irrigated therefrom. Sirdar Tej Singh said he must give Rupees 1,000. He (the Sirdar) would give another Rupees 1,000 and Rupees 5,000 would be given from the Royal Treasury.

9. *Perwans* were issued to the Kardars of Shoojampoorah and Puthankot to obey all the orders of Lieutenant Lake and put that officer in possession of the Forts whenever he demanded it.

10. Mool Singh, Vakeel, brought to the Durbar the depositions which had been taken before me in the Premia case and requested the Sirdars to hear and consider them.

11. Bootah Singh, the Malaranee's Moonshee, was told to give security for himself in the aforesaid case. He replied that the Sirkar was his security.

Copy of Lieutenant Taylor's Diaries from 15th to 23rd ultimo are enclosed.

VISITS PAID AND RECEIVED.

24th May.

Jowala Singh, Man; Jowala Sahae, Dewan of Maharajah Golab Singh, with Kazeer Mohkumooddeen, the Vakeel of the said Maharajah—Cashmere and Jummoo. Sirdar Kooshyeal Singh, Attareewallah—jageer, etc. Gunda Singh, Motber of Sindhanwallah—salam. Muhtab Singh, Motber of Bhare Mahoo Singh—for master. Mussammat Bebee Dhurruum Konwur, Attareewallee—personal affairs, jageer, etc. Dewan Deena Nath—revenue, etc., affairs.

25th May.

Sirdars Tej Singh, Shere Singh and Lehna Singh; Dewan Deena Nath; Rae Kishen Chund; Dewan Jowala Sahae; Kazeer Mohkumooddeen;

Bawas Muhean Singh and Fakeer Bukhah; Fakeer Noorooddeen; Sirdar Utter Singh; Mean Ruttun Sain, Mundeewallah; Sirdar Jhunda Singh, Koonjaheah; Ram Chund, Moharwallah; Ram Singh, Chapawallah; Sirdar Jowala Singh, Man; Sirdar Kanh Singh, Man; Kishen Konwar; Ujjub Singh, Vakeel of Sirdar Kanh Singh; Goormookh Singh, Lumman; Kooshee Ram, Vakeel of Sirdar Lehna Singh; Syed Moortuzza Shah, Velietee; Bawa Ummeer Singh; Jodh Singh, Attareewallah; Nasirooddeen, Kussooreah; Bukshee Kanbhalal; Ruttun Chund with the long beard; Bhace Nidhan Singh; Sirdar Kanh Singh, Attareewallah; Sirdar Sirdool Singh, Man; Sirdar Golab Singh, Attareewallah; Lala Anunt Ram, Muchchoo; Dewan Vesakha Singh; Mir Sahab Dyal; Ruttun Chund, Doggul; Dewan Hunsra; Sirdar Boore Singh; Bhaces Mukhun Singh and Ameera, Deoreewallah; Bawa Luchmun Singh, Sheikh Immamooddeen, Goordut Singh, Colonel Bal Singh of the Artillery; Mooi Singh, Vakeel of Sirdar Tej Singh—public Darbar.

26th May.

Fakeer Noorooddeen—private. Khoosyal Singh and Isaher Singh, Attareewallahs—Jageer. Mahomed Auriff Khan, Vakeel of Nabob Surufraz Khan, Mootianwallah—ask for interview. Kazee Nujjeeboollah—inhabitant of Peshawur. Lalla Shivedal, Moonshee of Rae Kishen Chund—papers. Lala Anunt Ram, Muchchoo—his own affairs. Kazee Mokhummoodeen—Jummoo matters.

27th May.

Ruttun Chund, Doggul—information on revenue matters. Lungger Khan, Saheewallah—salam. Muhtab Singh, Mother of Bhace Mahoo Singh—to get answer for master. Kazee Mokhummoodeen, Vakeel of Maharajah Golab Singh—Jummoo affairs. Outar Singh, Buddowallah—maintenance. Rae Kishen Chund, Vakeel of the Lahore Government—with papers. Fakeer Noorooddeen—zyafut for Lieutenant Edwardes, Jowala Sahae, Dewan of Maharajah Golab Singh, together with Purreema, A.-D.-C. of the Maharajah, and Kishna, brother of Purreema—asserted conspiracy. Sirdars Shumshere Singh, Sindhanwallah; Surjoon Singh, client; Kirpal Singh, Mulvee, and Nidhan Singh, father of Shumshere Singh; Buddun Singh, Kaleeka, and Goonda Singh, Vakeel of Sirdar Shumshere Singh—on return from Bannoo.

28th May.

Bussawa Singh, son of Sirdar Kanh Singh, Man, together with Ujjub Singh, Vakeel of the latter—salam. Sirdar Sirdool Singh, Man—his own affairs. Jowala Sahae, Dewan of Maharajah Golab Singh, together with Kazee Mokhummoodeen—Hazarah, Cashmere, and with Prema Mool Premal. Bhace Amara, Dooreswallah, together with his son Meeran Bukhsh—to make enquiries from Maharanee.

29th May.

Mool Singh, Vakeel of Sirdar Tej Singh—about Premal. Botta Singh—to be examined. Mool Premal to be examined. Fakcer Jummalooddeen—with the Maharajah's handwriting. Bhace Boodh Singh—to be examined about Premal. Kazee Mokhummoodeen, Vakeel of Maharajah Golab Singh—about Premal. Rae Kishen Chund, Vakeel of the Lahore Government—papers. Gholam Kasim Khan, Shah Newaz Khan, Ali Hoosain Khan, together with their Vakeels, Roochee Ram and Tahal Ram, *jagirdars* of Tank—to make salam to Lieutenant Edwards.

30th May.

Dewan Jowala Sahae and Kazee Mokhummoodeen—to write and despatch letters to Jummo officers in Hazarah desiring them in all respects to obey Captain Abbott.

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[*Note.*—Items extracted from the author's notes—letters are put in inverted commas to show they are quotations. My own remarks or conclusions when necessary are appended.]

SUMMARY OF PUNJAB INTELLIGENCE:

30th May.

1. "The Ranee as usual feeds Fakcers and washes their feet."
2. "The Ranee says she always knew Premal could be after no good in Lahore, as he was a servant of Golab Singh's."

3. "The Sirdars having heard the evidence of Prema wait upon the Ranee, who stoutly denies any knowledge of the matter, attributing it to Maharajah Golab Singh."

4. "I make over Man Singh, an Akalee, a servant of Prema and a third suspected person in the Prema plot, to be examined by the Durbar."

31st May.

1. "The Ranee feeds Fakeers and washes their feet as usual in the Palace."

2. "Mier Sahib Dyal is told not to tax grain being brought in for the use of the British troops."

3. "Rupees 2,80,000 of Mooltan spring revenue have arrived. One lakh ordered to be sent to Peshawur for the troops there. Bukhshee Bhuggut Ram says 2 lakhs have already gone. He is told to send a third."

4. "Sirdar Kanh Singh applies for the services of 200 Sowars to collect the arms of discharged soldiers between the Ravee and Sutlej."

5. "The officers of the several regiments ordered to Hazara are directed to proceed thither without delay and place themselves under the orders of Sirdar Chutter Singh, Atareewalla. Indents on the Magazine are likewise passed for all necessary stores."

1st June.

1. "Moonshee Boota Singh and Bhace Ameer Bukhsish remark to the Ranee that some one is sure to be made a victim of in the Prema plot. The Ranee replies that from the day she heard of Prema's arrival in Lahore she considered his being allowed to remain very injudicious, as he was a servant of that enemy of the State, Maharajah Golab Singh. Jewan Singh tells her it is clear that the Sirdars wish to prevent her from choosing her own attendants."

2. Durbar at the Residency. I pressed despatch in the march of the troops to Huzara. Sirdar Shumshere Singh, Sirdarwallah, is suggested by Sirdar Tej Singh as a proper person for the judicial administration of the Doab between the Attok and Jhelum. Lali Singh,

Morarea, is named also in case Shumshere Singh refuses. I desired lists to be furnished to Sirdars Lehna Singh, Chutter Singh, Kanh Singh, and Ram Singh of all arms in possession of discharged or runaway soldiers in the several Doabs, to enable them to collect them. When the inferior Sirdars withdrew, Prema, the conspirator, was brought before the chief Sirdars for further examination. He implicated one Sham Singh, a Commandant, and Golab Singh, a Punch of Umritsur, both of whom he declared were with Maharajah Golab Singh. I shall ask Dewan Jowalla Sahae about them. Prema likewise accused Sirdar Utter Singh, Kaleeanwallah, Runjore Singh, Majeethia, and Kanh Singh, Majeethia, of being concerned in the plot, though they now abandon him. I told Sirdar Utter Singh not to be disconcerted; that I placed no faith in the accusation.

3. "Sirdar Shumshere Singh has been offered and declined the judicial administration of the Jhelum and Attock Doab, on the plea of wishing to rebuild the family mansion at Raja Sansae." He also says he has had enough of travelling and heat for the present in his trip to Bunnoo.

4. "Sirdar Utter Singh, Kaleeanwallah, expresses grief and astonishment at Prema's accusations against him being believed. Dewan Deena Nath assures him that Prema's assertions are estimated at their proper value."

5. "The Bundookchees of Moonshee Boota Singh and Bhaee Ameer Bukhsh are ordered to be discharged."

2nd June.

1. "Soojan Singh, accused by Prema of being an accomplice, denies all concern in the matter, but is told that he is such a noted bad character that he must give security before he is released. At the suggestion of Sirdar Utter Singh he is not allowed to give bail."

2. "The Rance desires that all the Fakeers and astrologers who arrive in Lahore may be brought before her. She sends for Fakeers Zuhoorooddeen and Shumsooddeen, and begs their assistance in clearing her character from the stain thrown on it by Prema."

3. "The revenue records of Huzara during the administration of Sirdar Hurree Singh, Sirdar Tej Singh and Dewan Moolraj, are ordered to be forwarded to Dewan Ajoodhea Pershad for Captain Abbott's information."

4. "Dewan Ajoodhea Pershad reports that the troops of Maharajah Golab Singh are leaving Hazara without waiting to be relieved by the Durbar Troops; and that at his request Captain Abbott and Mr. Agnew had remonstrated with the Maharajah's officers on this conduct. Those present remark that the Lahore Troops held Huzara six months for the Maharajah, and the least return that the Maharajah could make would be to behave with similar consideration now."

5. "Hyat-oollah Khan of Tank reports an intended incursion of the Vizeeroes of Kanehgorum which was prevented by his going up to meet them, defeating them, and taking 22 prisoners."

6. "The arrival of the *Adi Gennah* from Kutarpoor was reported; and the Maharajah and chief Sirdars accordingly went out to the Shalimar Gardens to meet it. A place has been assigned it in the City.

3rd June.

1. "Sirdar Lehna Singh introduced a Benares Pundit to the Maharannee, who consults him as to the future fate of herself, the Maharajah, and her brother; and the answers being favourable she presents the Pundit with Rs. 2,000 and a *shillat*."

2. "Sheikh Emam-oo-deen gives Rupees 1,100 to the Duffrees employed to investigate his Doaba accounts." This reads very like a bribe, but it is nothing more than a customary sacrifice to the Goddess Fortune. Doubtless, however, it has a tendency to bring about the success prayed for.

3. "Sirdar Aotar Singh arrives from Peshawur and presents the customary *nuzzers*."

4. "Sirdar Lehna Singh is requested to repair the road between Lahore and Weerowal."

4th June.

1. "Fakcer Taj-oo-deen at Govindgurh, Sirdar Golab Singh at Peshawur, and General Cortlandt are called upon for a report of the

calibre, etc., of the guns under their charge; also Dewan Dowlut Rae at Dera, Moolraj of Pind Dadun Khan and Colonel Sultan Mahomed."

2. "Sirdar Shumshere Singh, Sindhanwallah, declines to be mediator between Sardool Singh, Man, and Jowalla Singh, Man."

3. "The *daka* of Satrah which had been transferred from Gunput Rae to Moonshee Boota Singh at an increased rent of 10,000 rupees is restored to the former."

5th June.

1. "Sirdar Kehr Singh, Sindhanwalla, has arrived from Raja Sansae. Sirdar Kanh Singh is ordered to furnish him with a house."

2. Durbar at the Palace, which I and two of my Assistants attend. I requested that the equipments of the new elephant battery might be sent up to the Residency for the inspection of myself and Major Macgregor. Am told that Bhace Maharaj has been ordered in from Umritsur. We retire to the Khush Khana with seventeen Chiefs and Dewans. The depositions of Prema are read before the Sirdars, whose opinions are severally asked whether the alleged meeting did or did not take place between Hoota Singh, the Ranee's Moonshee, and Prema? They unanimously allowed that it had; and the Moonshee was accordingly confined. Each individual was separately asked; all answered in the affirmative. On hearing this the Ranee shed tears of grief. I expressed in strong terms my disapprobation of the system now going on under the name of *charity* in the Palace; crowds of Fakcers and Brahmins being admitted to the Maharanee's presence to be fed and have their feet washed.

3. "Orders are sent to build a cantonment at Mecanee instead of Pind Dadun Khan."

4. By my desire the kotwal caused it to be cried throughout the City that no one was to keep in his house any powder or arms belonging to the Sirkat. Accordingly Mir Bugwan Singh sent into the Fort Magazine $\frac{1}{2}$ maunds of powder, 50 muskets, and 50 swords which were at his Treasury and had been reported to us a week before and were since under charge of the Police.

5. "The zemindars of Rawal Pindce quarrelling among themselves, and with the Kardar, about the assessment, a Khutrec had been killed and two zemindars wounded."

6th June.

1. "The Rancee laments the bad name which the feeding of Fakeers within the precincts of the palace has got her. Sirdar Jewun Singh suggests as a remedy that a sum of money be made over to him for the erection of a Shah Dewala in the Rancee's name at Benares. The Rancee accordingly gives him 17,000 rupees for the purpose."

2. "The Peshawar Akhbar mentions that pay is being distributed to the Ramgole Troops, those in excess of the authorized number being discharged; that Major Lawrence had dismissed the Vakeel of Ameer Dost Mahomed Khan honorably and with assurances of the desire of the British Government in India for a continuance of the amicable relations now existing between the two States; also that Major Lawrence had ordered the Treasury Officers to submit a daily report of cash in hand."

3. Nehal Singh, Vakeel, reports my having spoken to him about the dispatch and payment of the troops under orders for Hazara.

4. "The Hussun Abdal Akhbar reports the arrival of 3 regiments and Dewan Horree Chund from Kahoota towards Hazara; also that a Motnif of Dewan Ajoodhea Pershad had arrived at Rawul Pindee to examine into the grievances complained of by the people."

5. "Fakcer Noor-oo-deen proposes to assist Chiragh-oo-deen in the settlement of his work in arrears."

6. "The Rancee feeds 50 Fakeers as usual."

7. "Ruttun Chund of the long beard is reported to possess territory to the amount of one lakh and a half," the meaning of which is that somebody else wants part of what he has got.

7th June.

1. The Maharance prays that the Maharajahs may soon grow up and be able to give orders in his own kingdom.

2. Sundry villages in the neighbourhood of Lahore were given in trust to Lalla Ruttun Chund Doogul, and an old allowance of Rupees 2 a day for the feed of his elephant was commuted into a jagoor.

3. Bhowany Pershad, brother of Colonel Buldan, was appointed warder of the Fort of Girang in the place of Bhowany Singh, removed at my recommendation for misconduct.

4. A dawk has been laid between Hazara and the Kalar ka serai, and a news-writer appointed there.

5. Dewan Ajoodhea Pershad complains that none of the Kardars pay any attention to the orders which he issues by Captain Abbott's direction. *Permanas* to enforce obedience were immediately issued.

6. "Sirdar Tej Singh praises the exertions of Dewan Deena Nath in making out the *jageer* statement for me." No doubt his delays are pleasing to *jageerdars* in general in the same ratio that they are inconvenient to me.

7. The Durbar in consultation with Dewan Deena Nath made out a list of charitable grants and other lands which must be held to be exempt from revenue in the newly transferred territory of Hazara.

8. Sirdar Lall Singh, Morareeah, and his brother Khooshal Singh requested that Sirdar Ram Singh, Jullawallah, might be made to exchange Doabs with him, viz., that between the Chenab and Jhelum for that between the Jhelum and Attock. He was told it was impossible.

9. Orders sent to Dewan Moolraj to give 2,850 maunds of salt to Babas Khuruk and Jowahir Singh.

10. Rupees 1,000 given for the expenses of the canal called Shah Nuh.

11. The Ranee has a long private interview with Dewan Deena Nath on the subject of the new rules for her conduct, which she says are calculated to disgrace her. The Dewan advises her to see no more Fakeers in her own apartments, but send what alms she has to bestow to the Fakeers' houses. Accordingly the Ranee orders Jewun Singh to admit no Fakeers to-morrow; but that attendant says it will be better to go on giving food and clothes as usual till the rains that the heavenly reward may not be lost.

12. The Peshawur news-letter reports the arrival of the Churungeet Regiment under Colonel Jodh Singh.

13. Bhaee Ameer Bukhsh was told that the new order for excluding people from the inner apartments of the Palace does not apply to him, who is a trustworthy and faithful servant: but he is to take care that the Maharanee's charity is distributed by her servants outside.

8th June.

1. The Sirdars attended Darbar at the Residency. The movements of the troops towards Hazara, the family quarrels of Sirdars Sardool Singh and Jowalla Singh, and the complaints of sundry districts concerning the collection of revenue, were discussed. After the inferior Sirdars had withdrawn, Bhacee Ameer Bukhsh delivered me a message from the Maharanee, "that she looked on me with the same respect as Maharajah Runjeet Singh, and in compliance with my advice had put a stop to the visits of holy men inside the Palace, and would never admit strangers again." In reply, I told him that Her Highness was at perfect liberty to continue her charities so long as she did so in a manner consistent with the privacy proper for her sex and rank, and kept within her income. Dewan Deena Nath read to me a letter he was sending to Mr. John Lawrence expressing gratitude for the confirmation of his *jageer*: "Formerly he fed from the Maharajah's table; now he feeds from that of the British." Afterwards the Dewan politely reminded me that we must not expect such exact records from the offices of the Lahore Government as are in our own, which have been established for so many hundred years. He took to himself the credit of having in fact founded the Secretariat department of the great Maharajah, which, however, is I believe due to Dewan Bhowany Dass. The Dewan assured me he had issued orders to all Kardars to send in maps of their districts, with district boundaries and villages entered. Talking of justice, I told the Dewan that there were hundreds of cases pending now in the Courts of Lahore, and that it would be a highly creditable thing to the Durbar if 4 or 5 Sirdars would sit down, hear, and decide them. I enquired from Sirdar Tej Singh what chance there was of arresting Lall Singh, *adulterer*. He replied that a reward of Rupees 1,000 had been offered for his apprehension; but he had fled to the Cis-Sutlej States. Dewan Deena Nath said that the citizens of Lahore were quite opposed to the new exaction of a *chokeedarce* rate, which has never been the custom before. It would be better therefore to pay the *Chokeedars* out of the Public Treasury, to which I consented. Sirdar Runjore Singh has expressed a wish to have his *jageer* of Rs 10,000 on the other side of the Ravee; an equivalent to be taken by the Sirkar from the *jageers* of Sirdar Lehna Singh.

* 2. Sirdar Heera Singh has reported his arrival at Goojranwalla,

3. *Urrees* received from Tara Singh and Richpal Singh, Commandants of Artillery, and a Regiment of Infantry ordered to Hazara, making difficulties and excuses. A severe reprimand was sent out by the Durbar; but it is their own fault for not making better arrangements for the pay of the men. Mr. Cocks was fortunately at Ramnugger and told Tara Singh that pay should be sent, but that if the men disobeyed orders, the officers would all be discharged. They marched next day; pay was forthwith sent.

9th June.

1. The Ranee protests that her imprisoned Moonshiee, Bootah Singh, is innocent.

2. Sirdar Tej Singh hears of Jewun Singh introducing into the Ranee's apartments two Panches who were in Golab Singh Pohoovin-deeah's Regiment. The Sirdar calls them out of the Palace and has them put in prison, reading a sharp lecture to Jewun Singh, whom he accuses of being the worst adviser of the Queen. He is not far wrong.

3. Shoojan Singh, a servant of Sirdar Ajeet Singh, Sindhanwalla, was arrested on suspicion of being concerned in the Prema conspiracy.

4. The house of the late Sirdar Jowalla Singh at Butala has been given to Sheikh Emam-oo-deen for the accommodation of his family.

5. In this one Akhbar Ram Dyal, Kardar of Goonjah, is reproved by the Durbar for interfering in the customs collections of Umritaur, which is the business of Mir Saheb Dyal and not his. Mir Saheb Dyal is reproved for interfering in the judicial administration of the same city which is entrusted to Jymul Singh; and Jymul Singh is reproved for the same offence as Ram Dyal. The division and distinct independence of appointments is a thing little understood by native officials; or rather all offices are looked upon as sources of profit, and every man tries to monopolize as much as he can. The consequence is a great clashing of rival authorities, most injurious both to public business and to private interests. Mr. Cocks found at Ramnugger about a dozen officials invested with or usurping magisterial powers, and of course there were as many sets of prisoners. The system I have adopted of sending my Assistants on short circuits, or sudden visits to Kardarships, will gradually bring these evils to light, and enable me to reduce the number of petty masters who are over the people.

6. Sirdar Lall Singh, Morareah, applied to have his brother Khoos-hal Singh appointed as his Naib or assistant, and Dewan Deves Sahae, and Dewan Gunput Rale with the Ghorchurras under their command, to be stationed with him.

7. Dewan Deena Nath says he hears Futteh Khan, Towanah, thinks it strange that he (the Dewan) should pass Sheikh Emam-oo-deen's account of money expended in entertaining soldiers; and not pass a similar item in his. The Dewan says that I am his authority for the one, but Futteh Khan, Towanah, has none to shew. Very probably Futteh Khan's insinuation is well founded; indeed I have been struck myself with the inconsistent conduct of the Durbar in pretending to make a rigid scrutiny into the Sheikh's Cashmere accounts at the very moment when they were privately giving him *jagirs*, houses, and gardens. But if there is any strange difference in the two cases, it is that Futteh Khan should not have taken the same means to gain the Dewan's good-will; or if he did, that the Dewan should have been superior to the temptation.

8. *Jagirs* to the value of Rupees 5,405 in the *ilakah* of Jhundiala have been given to Sirdar Sardool Singh, Man, in compensation for others confiscated formerly.

9. For the last 8 days Sirdar Shere Singh, Atareewallah, has not attended the Durbar occasionally held at Sirdar Tej Singh's house, but sent his Vakeel. When the Durbar is held in the Palace, he comes himself. This is one of the inconveniences of the custom into which the Sirdars have fallen since Raja Lall Singh's deposition; and which originated probably in some crude aspirations of Sirdar Tej Singh to step into his place. It certainly tends to give him undue weight among the other members of the Council; and I shall take an early opportunity of bringing things back into the old train.

10. Curiosity is excited to see how the Prema plot will be decided when Bhaie Maharaj and Bhaie Sowaya come to Lahore. I am not sure that the best thing to be done with the said "plot" is not to keep it just as it is—undecided, impending with all its vague accusations over the party least inclined to the present peaceful order of things.

10th June.

1. Sirdar Kanh Singh, Chief Justice, took a muster of the municipal and judicial establishment, thanahidars, kotwals, chokeedars, burkundazes, jamadars, etc., and discharged 50 worn-out men unfit for duty. A draft for Rupees 6,500 was afterwards obtained by the Sirdar from the Durbar to pay up the said establishment.

2. Dr. Honigberger brought in a bill for medicines to the value of Rupees 547 expended in the Hospital. It was paid, but Rupees 200 a month fixed for the future.

3. Dewan Deema Nath submitted a scale of allowances for the Government Revenue Officials in Huzara and a list of the persons proposed for the situations, which were both agreed to. Afterwards he submitted a scale for the Judicial establishments of Sirdar Chutter Singh in Huzara and Sirdar Lal Singh, Morarrees, at Attok.

4. News received from Peshawur in Durbar. Major Lawrence had administered a rebuke to General Elahie Bukhsh for harbouring disorderly and evil-disposed persons in his artillery instead of reporting and getting rid of them, the inference being that he himself was not over well inclined towards the Government. The General promised a full report, and Major Lawrence said he would look over the present offence. The news-writer reports also that 2 Jemadars of a discharged Fort garrison offered to enlist as privates in the Regular Army, which drew forth so sharp a reproof from Major Lawrence that one of them committed suicide on the spot! The true version of this affair is that the 2 Jemadars were so noisy and troublesome on an occasion when Major Lawrence was discharging some soldiers, that he ordered them to be put in confinement, and one of them died as soon as he reached the Guard. There was no apparent cause for his death; and the circumstance was so mysterious that it might well create an excitement among some of the soldiers who fancied or pretended to fancy that the Sahib had put to death a soldier who had been 46 years in the Khalsa Army.

5. Sirdar Shumshere Singh, Sindhanwalla, presented Rupees 10,000, 8 horses, and 21 camels, being part of revenue collected in Bunnoo.

6. Bhace Dull Singh, Kardar of Khatir, reported that the village of Kuttah, held in *jager* by Ruttun Chund of the long beard, in pay-

ment of Dawk establishment, at the estimated value of rupees 1,100, must be worth at least Rupees 3,000. The *jagur* was accordingly confiscated and the village resumed by the Sirkar.

7. Rutton Chund says that the Peshawur Dawk now reaches Lahore in 4 days.

8. Rupees 10,000 given to Nawab Sirdar Khan, Mooltanwalla, in payment of 2 months' allowance.

9. Dewan Jowalla Sahae, Minister of Maharajah Golab Singh, solicited from the Lahore Durbar the farm of the revenues of Innabad, worth 12,000 rupees. His home and estates are at that place, and at my recommendation the request was granted.

10. In this one akhbar Sirdar Shumshere Singh, Sindhanwalla, and Dewan Jowahir Mull Dutt, Kardar of Shahpore, are both reported to have obtained from the Durbar the exemption from customs of large quantities of timber which they are bringing from the Hills for their own private use. Scarcely an akhbar but reports similar exemptions in favor of Government officials, Sirdars, Moonshees with interest at court, etc., and it adds to the strong objections, which I have already expressed to the Punjab Customs system, to observe such inconsistency in excusing the rich from imposts which are rigidly exacted from the poor. It is injurious also to trade; for there are few of the Sirdars who let slip an opportunity of trafficking on their own account through *gomashdas*; and if their goods are exempted from customs, of course they come cheap into the public market and undersell the general dealer. I shall be glad when I have the whole detail of the customs laid before me and time to examine them.

11. Rati Kishen Chund laid before the Durbar two proceedings from the office of the Resident; one of which was advising a stricter conformance on the part of the Queen-Mother to the etiquette of the Royal female apartments in the days of former Maharajahs; the discontinuance of Her Highness' indiscriminate admission of Brahmins, Sadhs, etc., on pretence of charity, which might better be bestowed through an almoner, and less condescension in receiving the visits of Sirdars, there being no necessity for any of them to go inside the *purdah*, or call oftener than once a month to inquire after her health.

12. Dewan Moolraj thinks there are a great deal too many *dufterees* of the Sirkar about Pind Dadun Khan, as the Sirkar will find when their accounts go in.

13. A report is set abroad from the Palace that the *Sahib log* have imprisoned Sirdar Tej Singh. That Sirdar wonders when people will leave him alone; and says he understands Sirdar Shere Singh was present on the occasion when the Maharajah's boys burnt him in effigy and looked on laughing.

14. Ruttun Chund, Doogul, suggests that the *jagiers* of all those who do not duly perform the service required of them be confiscated.

11th June.

1. "Sirdar Lehna Singh reports that in consequence of the number of murders and robberies which have occurred of late in that direction, he has arranged for placing five *chokees* of four sepoy's each between Jhundecala and Weroowal and three *chokees* from the latter place to Guzriwal, which, with the assistance promised to be rendered by the zemindars, he hopes will be effectual in rendering the roads safe in future. Sirdar Tej Singh and other Sirdars highly approve of this arrangement."

2. "Rai Kishen Chund informs the Durbar of my displeasure at no means having been adopted to settle the dispute between Sirdars Sardool and Jowalla Singh, Man. Tej Singh remarks that he works hard from morning till night, and is surprised at my thinking him remiss."

3. "Heeranund and Mool Singh, Vakeels, respectively, of Sirdars Shere and Tej Singh, patch up a reconciliation between their masters."

4. "The Ranee with reference to my *roshakaree* solicits the Sirdars to lay down a code of rules to guide her intercourse with those about her in particular and the world in general."

12th June.

1. Five of my Assistants accompany me to Durbar at the Palace. The appointment of Sirdar Chutter Singh, Attareewalla, to the government of Huzara with Sirdar Jhunda Singh as his Naib is determined on; also that of Lall Singh, Morareez, to the *adlut* of the country between Jhelum and Attok. Orders are issued to the local officers to afford every

assistance to a Government steam boat now expected to come up the Ravee. Sirdar Kanh Singh in reply to an enquiry from me states the number of prisoners confined for capital offences in his jail to be 10 or 12. Sirdar Lehna Singh reports the seizure of six more murderers. I recommend that the system which prevails in some parts of the country of constantly changing the petty Kardars be discontinued, also that civil and military officers be not permitted to interfere with one another's duties. I refer to the discreditable condition of the battery ordered to Huzara. Sirdar Tej Singh remarks that we have appropriated all the best guns to put in position at Lahore, and that every exertion is being made to put those in use in order. We take leave.

2. Sirdar Lehna Singh is ordered to seize a number of bad characters in the Manjha District according to a list forwarded by me and received from Julundhur.

3. "Sirdar Sardool Singh and his brother Jowalla Singh make up their differences about the distribution of their father's property." They have done nothing of the kind and are as bitter as ever.

4. "The Peshawur Akhbar mentions that Major G. Lawrence is taking great pains with the discipline and internal economy of the troops there, and that grain is dear at Rawul Pindee and cheap at Peshawur."

5. "The Kardars on the right bank of the Sutlej are ordered to obey any orders they may receive from Lalla Ram Dyal, the Vakeel at Ferozepore."

Copies of the following papers are herewith enclosed:—

No. 1.—Mr. A. H. Cocks' Diary from 1st to 9th instant *en route* to Rannugger.

No. 2.—Major G. St. P. Lawrence's Peshawur Political Diary from 30th May to 5th June 1847.

No. 3.—Ditto Ditto from 6th to 12th instant.

No. 4.—Captain James Abbott's Boundary Journal from 21st to 31st May 1847.

No. 5.—Lieutenant R. G. Taylor's Diary *en route* to Cashmere from 24th to 30th May 1847.

No. 6.—Pundit Kunhya Lall's Diary from 26th to 31st May.

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VISITS PAID AND RECEIVED.

31st May 1847.

Sirdar Shere Singh, together with Saecn Dass, and Mootad Ali, his Vakeels—private conversation. Fakeer Noor-oo-deen—private conversation. Kazee Nujeeboollah, inhabitant of Peshawur; Sirdar Shumshere Singh, together with Gunda Singh, his Mothir—private conversation. Sheikh Emam-oo-deen, together with Surwur Khan, son of Ellahee Bukhs of the artillery—salam. Bhace Mukhun Singh, Grunthee—own affairs. Mudud Khan, second son of Ellahee Bukhs of the artillery—own affairs. Dewan Jowalla Sahae and Kazee Mohkum-oo-deen—Jummoo and Huzara. Lala Luchmun Dass, Mothir of Sirdar Sirdool Singh—his master's affairs. Radha Kishen, Vakeel of Nawab Mahomed Bhawul Khan, Bahadoor—with complaint about boundary. Rae Kishen Chund, Vakeel of Lahore Government—about map. Mool Singh, Vakeel of Sirdar Tej Singh—with papers. Asanund, Vakeel of Mooltan—news of remittance. Dewan Deena Nath—revenue affairs. Lala Thakoor Dass, Vakeel of Dewan Moolraj; Radha Kishen, Vakeel of Dewan Taik Chund; Goordatta Mull, Vakeel of Dewan Ramdyeal; Lala Dowlut Rae Vakeel of Dewan Bishon Singh; Lala Ram Dhun, Vakeel of Mir Rullec Ramjee; Toolsee Ram, Vakeel of Mir Roop Lal; Lala Ram Chund, Vakeel of Wazzeerahadwalla; Roop Chund, Vakeel of Bishon Singh, Zufferwal; Hookum Chund, Vakeel of Rae Kishen Chund; Ram Chund, second Vakeel of Sootroewalla; Muhtab Singh, Vakeel of Bhace Mahoo Singh—to explain map. Lala Roochee Ram, Vakeel of the Jageerdars of Bunnoo Tank—master's affairs. Lala Basteet Ram, Vakeel of Dowlut Rae, Dewan of Dera Ismael Khan—master's affairs.

1st June.

Sirdars Tej Singh and Shere Singh; Dewan Deena Nath; Bhukhshee Bhuggut Ram; Sirdar Lehna Singh; Fakeer Noor-oo-deen; Rae Kishen Chund; Sirdar Heera Singh; Bhace Nidhan Singh; Ram Chund, Moherwalla; Ruttun Sain, Mundecwalla; Jowalla Singh, Man; Sirdar Utter Singh, Kaleenwalla; Sirdar Shumshere Singh; Sirdar Kanh Singh, Man; Ruttun Chund, Dooggul; Sheikh Emam-oo-deen; Bawa Fakeer Bukhs; Bhace Mukhun Singh; Bawa Muhean Singh; Dewan Vesakha Singh, Gholam Kasim Khan, Alli Khan, and Shah Niwaz

Khan, Tankwallas ; Sirdar Jhunda Singh ; Bawa Luchmun Singh, Motbir ; Khooshee Ram, Vakeel ; Goonda Singh, Vakeel ; Mool Singh, Vakeel ; Ujjub Singh, Vakeel ; Lala Anant Ram, Muchchoo ; Dewan Jowalla Sahae ; and Kazee Mohkumooddeen—public Durbar.

2nd June.

Mecan Lal Singh, Ukhnoorea—jagheer. Sirdar Muugul Singh—jagheer. Sirdar Heera Singh, together with Kishen Chund, his Motbir—to take leave. Bawa Luchmun Singh, Motbir of Sirdar Lehna Singh—Manjha papers. Meeran Bukhsh, Motbir of Sirdar Shumshere Singh—his own property. Moonshee Surruab Dass, news-writer—salam. Saeeen Dass, Motbir of Sirdar Shere Singh—to say Sirdar Aotar Singh is expected. Kazee Mohkum-oo-deen, Vakeel of Maharajah Golab Singh—Jummoo affairs. Ruttun Chund, Dooggul, together with Thakoor Dass, his brother—information on revenue. Hookum Chund, Moonshee of Rae Kishen Chund, Vakeel of the Maharajah—papers. Bhace Mukhun Singh Grunthee, inhabitant of Unrissur—salam.

3rd June.

Vakeer Shumshooddeen—with Maharajah's writing lesson. Saeeen Dass, Motbir of Sirdar Shere Singh.

4th June.

Meeran Bukhsh, Motbir of Sirdar Shumsher Singh—private property. Lal Singh, Nabliawalla—salam. Lala Tahul Ram and Roochee Ram, Vakeels of Bunnoo Tank—Futteh Khan's affairs. Kazee Mohkumooddeen, Vakeel of Maharajah Golab Singh—Cashmere, etc. Sham Singh and Nihal Singh, Soodhee, Hurnaiwurwalla near Pind Dadun Khan—salam. Khooshee Ram, Vakeel of Sirdar Lehna Singh—roobakarce. Dewan Kidar Nath, and Shunker Nath, in attendance on Mr. Cocks' Court—revenue papers. Mecan Shumsher Singh ; Mecan Jewon Singh ; Bishon Singh ; Zubber Singh ; Pyear Singh ; Dhurron Singh ; Kuppoo Singh ; Golab Singh ; Hurree Ram ; Gopal Singh, Komelidan of Lukhonpore—jagheer. Mool Singh, Vakeel of Sirdar Tej Singh—Durbar reference. Dewan Jowalla Sahae, together with his brother Nihal Chund and Kirpa Ram his son—to introduce Dewan's son and brother. Sirdar Shere Singh, together with his brother Aotar Singh, who brought a horse as *mazur*, and Saeeen Dass, Motbir of the former ; also Bukshee

Jowahir Mull; Zubberdust Khan, Motbir of Sirdar Nahur Singh—private interview and introduce his brother Sirdar Aotar Singh.

5th June.

Bhurrul Singh, Vakeel of Shere Mahomed Khan Sindhee; Lal Singh Morareeah, together with his brother Khooshyeal Singh; Lala Pohoo Mull; Kooslee Ram, and Ram Millawa; Kazee Mohkum-oo-deen, Vakeel of Maharajah Golab Singh; Moosumma Mooktoo, Vakeel of the Raja of Chumbawalla; Bawa Luchmun Singh, Vakeel of Sirdar Lehna Singh.

6th June—Sunday.

7th June.

Sirdar Shere Singh, with Chowdry Shahbaz; Ibraheem Khan, son of Sirdar Sooltan Mahomed Khan, with Aukhoon Gholam Mohyadeen, his Motbir; Sirdar Utter Singh, Kaleewallah; Sirdar Sirdoole Singh; Sirdar Shumsher Singh, Sindhanwalla; Sirdar Khooshyeal Singh, Akaleea; Sheikh Enam-oo-deen; Meean Lal Singh, Ukhmooreea; Asanund, Vakeel of Mooltan; Rae Kishen Chund, Vakeel of the Lahore Government; Jowalla Sahae, Dewan of Maharajah Golab Singh, and Kazee Mohkum-oo-deen, Vakeel of the said Maharajah; Dewan Kidar Nath and Shunker Nath, Dufferie; Hookum Chund, Moonshee of Rae Kishen Chund, Vakeel of the Lahore Government.

8th June.

Sirdars Tej Singh and Shere Singh; Dewan Deena Nath; Fakcer Noor-oo-deen; Bawa Fakcer Bukhsh; Sirdar Kanh Singh, Man; Rae Kishen Chund, Vakeel of the Lahore Government; Bawa Muhyean Singh; Sirdar Shumshere Singh; Sirdar Utter Singh, Kaleewallah; Bhace Mukhu Singh, Grunthee; Sirdar Lehna Singh; Buklashee Bhuggut Ram; Ruttun Chund with the long beard; Ruttun Sain, Mundeewalla; Ruttun Chund, Dooggul; Bhace Nidhan Singh; Sirdar Kanh Singh, son of Sham Singh; Sirdar Jewun Singh, son of Thakoor Singh; Sirdar Aotar Singh; Sirdar Golab Singh; Nehal Singh, son of Jhunda Singh; Dyeal Singh, son of Gunda Singh; Dewans Gunput, Dabee Sahae and Khooshyeal Singh, Morareeah, officers of the Cavalry; Sirdar Lal Singh, Morareeah; Sirdar Urjun Singh, Kungurnungaleeah; Bhace Ameera, Deoreewallah; Dewan Nurrain Singh, Motbir of Sirdar Kanh Singh; Sirdar Sirdoole

Singh; Dewan Kishen Koonwur; Fakeer Surraj-oo-deen; Fakeer Zahoor-oo-deen; Jowahir Singh, Bustunniwallah; Lala Anunt Ram, Muchchoo; Bawa Luchmun Singh; Dewan Busakha Singh; Radha Kishen, Vakeel of Dewan Taik Chund.

9th June.

Sirdar Goormookh Singh, Lumma, the venerable. Khooshyeal Singh, Akaleea; Lala Kanh Chund; Lala Dulloo Mull; Lala Goonda Mull; Pal Mull; Nannuk Chund; Lala Nutthoo Mull; Sookha Mull; Lala Ram Dyeal; Jhokha Mull; Jowala Nath, grocers of the Lahore Bazaar; Futteh Deen Khan, Kusoreeah; Bawa Luchmun Singh, Motbir of Sirdar Lehna Singh; Khooshee Ram, Vakeel of the said Sirdar; Dewan Ruttun Chund, Dooggul; Bhace Mukhum Singh, Granthee; Mool Singh, Vakeel of Sirdar Tej Singh; Hookum Chund, Moonshee of Rae Kishen Chund; Dewan Deena Nath.

10th June.

Saen Dass, Motbir of Sirdar Shere Singh; Aukhoon Fazul Alli, Motbir of the Nuwab of Dera Ismael Khan; Lala Tahul Mull and Roochee Ram, Vakeels of Bunnoo Tank; Dewan Jowalla Sahae and Kazeo Mohkum-oo-deen; Lala Asanund, Vakeel of Mooltan; Fakeer Zahoor-oo-deen—with Maharajah's writing lesson. Pundit Radha Kishen; Sirdar Lehna Singh, Majeethia.

11th June.

Dewan Busakha Singh; Meean Shumsber Singh, Jusrooteeah; Meean Oomaid Singh, Bhuddoowalla. Jowahir Mull, mistree—came to inspect the accoutrements of the elephants. Mehtab Singh, Motbir of Bhace Mahoo Singh; Dewan Hookum Chund, who went with Captain Edwardes; Kazeo Mohkum-oo-deen, Vakeel of Maharajah Golab Singh; Asanund, Vakeel of Mooltan; Muddud Khan, son of Ellahee Bukhsh of the Artillery.

12th June.

Mehtab Singh, Motbir of Bhace Mahoo Singh; Lala Ruttun Chund, Dufturrie of the Motmid of Shaikh Imam-oo-deen; Bhace Amecra, Deoreewalla; Goonda Singh, Magazine Steward of the Fort of Attok.

(Sd.) H. M. LAWRENCE.

Agent, G. G., N.-W. F., and Resident at Lahore.

Political Diary of the Agent, Governor-General, North-West Frontier, and Resident at Lahore, from the 13th to the 26th June 1847.

SUMMARY OF PUNJAB INTELLIGENCE.

13th June.

1. "Gobind Sahale, brother of Ruttun Chund; Dooggul, is appointed *Dafatree* at Rawul Pindee."

2. "Sirdar Kanh Singh, Atareewalla, was ordered to proceed to Kusoor and build there a house for the accommodation of British Officers passing to and fro."

3. "A proclamation issued by the Durbar to the people of the villages in Huzara, Kalabagh, &c., which are on the banks of the Attok, warning them of the anticipated flood and advising them to be ready to remove." This was in consequence of a letter received from Peshawur, which was sent to the Durbar, reporting that something had blocked up the river.

4. "Rae Kishen Chund informed Sirdar Tej Singh that there were nearly 2,000 cases pending in the courts of the Residency and requiring final settlement." I have already repeatedly suggested the propriety of 4 or 5 of the Sirdars forming themselves into a commission to decide these suits.

5. "Agreeably to the advice of Colonel Lawrence, a regulation has been made by which the Sepoys of the Sikh Army on duty in distant stations may make remittances through the Public Treasuries."

6. "Rupees 91 were remitted through Colonel Lawrence from the Magistrate of Delhi, being the value of some stones belonging to the late Maharajah Shere Singh which had been lying at that office and now sold. The Sirdars passed loud encomiums on the scrupulous honesty of the British."

7. "Orders were sent to Sirdar Chutter Singh to send Futeh Shere Khan, son of Futeh Khan, Towanah, to Dewan Moolraj at Pind Dadun Khan to render his Mittah Towanah accounts." He is in Cashmere.

8. "Sirdar Heera Singh wrote to request that he might be allowed to keep the two guns and Zumboorahs in the Fort of Goojranwallah. This was refused, and he was told to send the guns to Lahore directly."

9. "General Mehtab Singh arrived at Lahore and visited Sirdar Tej Singh."

10. "Orders sent to Sirdar Heera Singh to make his Kardars weigh and deliver over the stores in the Fort of Bhopalwalla to the people of Lalla Teg Chund."

11. "The Chowdries of Lahore on hearing that the Chowkeedaree rate was to be excused, collected 700 rupees from the citizens and made an offering of it to the Brahmins." This may have been to show that in their opposition to the rate in question they were only actuated by a wish to maintain their rights and not to evade the expense. They had in a body come to me twice in the matter.

14th June.

1. "A proclamation is issued prohibiting the sale of spirits, except by the Government Contractor, within 12 miles of the City."

2. "The discharge of all the Sowars of the Ghorchurra Kulan, except of 600, is ordered."

15th June.

1. "The Maharanee said that in accordance with the wishes of the Resident, she would not in future allow admittance to Fakeers, Brahmins and others."

2. In the morning Durbar as usual at Anarkullee. I inquired if the report was true that Dewan Dowlut Raie, Kardar of Dera Ismael Khan, had sent for the zemindars of Lukkee under pretence of satisfying them and had then attempted to seize them? Sirdar Tej Singh replied that he had not heard of it. As usual, I reminded the Chiefs that 2,000 cases were pending in the *adalut* and that they ought to be decided without more delay. I also enquired what steps had been taken in the case of Lahora Singh? Dewan Deena Nuth replied that according to the Shasters the defendant Bhaee Mulla should be imprisoned for life in expiation of the murder of Lahora Singh and his house made over to the murdered man's heirs.

3. "An *urzee* was received from Jymul Singh, Thannadar of Umritsur, stating that he had proceeded according to orders with 50 Sepoys to the house of Bhaee Maharaj; but that the latter had concealed

himself and was not to be found. He threw the blame of his not being able to seize the Bhace on Jewun Singh, whose guard had charge of him, but had allowed him to escape." On hearing this I immediately ordered Jewun Singh to be confined. He has since been released on security to enable him to go and search for the Bhace. The Bhace's disappearance is generally regarded in Lahore as confirmatory of the truth of the Prema plot, but it would be equally accountable on the supposition of the Bhace's innocence and pride of sanctity. To come to Lahore under suspicion of being concerned in a conspiracy *might*, if he was an honest man, seem degrading to his holy character. It is very difficult to deal with these Fakeers, or indeed to come into collision in any way with the religious feelings of natives.

4. "Sirdar Tej Singh said that the Bhace's running away was a proof that he was engaged in Prema's plot."

5. "A *rookhatee* from the Resident was read in the Durbar directing the Bhace's house and property to be confiscated."

6. "Sirdar Tej Singh sent for Jewun Singh and asked him whether the Bhace had escaped from his custody. He said "yes," upon which the Sirdar severely reprimanded him. Jewun Singh afterwards petitioned to be allowed to go in search of the Bhace and promised to produce him within 10 days."

7. "Perwannas were issued for the apprehension of the Bhace and a reward of 1,000 rupees offered. Notifications were also published that if any one should harbour him the house and *jagheers* of the person so offending would be confiscated to Government." This I advised to prevent the chance of any Sirdar giving the Bhace shelter, two or three being mentioned in whose families he is much revered.

8. "The Sirdars waited upon the Maharanee and informed Her Highness that Bhace Maharaj had escaped through the negligence of Jewun Singh, and that as he was a man of importance it would be difficult to apprehend him."

16th June.

1. "Some jewellery was brought to the Ranee for sale: she remarked that she had not, as during Rajah Lall Singh's *misarut*, the means of indulging in such expensive luxuries." It would be quite as well if she had less means than she has, and she would probably be more quiet.

2. "The officers of the Huzara Force are informed that they will be under the orders of Sirdar Chutter Singh, Atareewallah, whom they are to obey in all things."

3. "A *perwanna* is addressed to Sirdar Chutter Singh, Atareewalla, containing instructions for his guidance in the government of Huzara; the same is ordered to be submitted to the Resident for his approval before despatch."

4. "The Resident sent a second *roohakaree* to the Durbar on the subject of fresh complaints by the zemindars against the Kardar of Khatir."

5. "Rae Kishen Chund recommends a number of his connexions for preferment; those present in Durbar remark the amount of patronage which has already been bestowed on his family as very great." A more persevering suitor for *jagirs*, &c., I never met. For once that he comes to me on public business, he comes twice to me about his own affairs.

6. "The Umritsur Akhbar mentions that it is generally believed that Bhaee Maharaj's escape has been connived at by the officials there, and that he was secreted somewhere in the immediate neighbourhood."

7. "The jewels and ready money of the late Sirdar Pertab Singh are ordered to be given up to the State, his widow and mother being permitted to retain the remainder of his property."

8. "*Perwannas* are addressed to the different Kardars desiring them to forward returns of the revenue, *jagirs*, population, &c., of their respective districts."

9. "Sookhranj, Kardar of Khatir, is confined."

17th June.

1. "Ruttun Chund, Dooggul, reports in Durbar his having in vain endeavoured to persuade the Resident to forego his intention of perusing the Akhbars from the Provinces." I found so many things kept from my knowledge,—the proceedings of different Kardars, the wants of the troops at the different stations, &c.,—that I thought the best plan would be to wade through the Daily News-letters which come in from the Provinces for the Durbar's information.

2. "Sirdar Shumshere Singh renders his account of collections in Bunnoo, which meets approval and is passed."

3. "The Umritsur Akhbar mentions that a very strict search is being made there for Bhaice Maharaj."

4. "The Mooltan Akhbar mentions the arrival there of a slave-girl of the Rancee's, ostensibly for the purpose of procuring some wood of the '*Ak*' tree for the construction of a carriage."

5. "A *roobakaree* from the Resident is laid before the Durbar desiring the issue of a proclamation against Suttee and Female Child-murder; and the proposition is unanimously approved of by them." This is an error. I never desired proclamations to be issued. I merely sent word to the Durbar, as I had sent word to Maharajah Golab Singh, that the practice had been declared by the most learned Pundits of Jyepoor and Gwalior to be contrary to the Shasters; and that it would much redound to the Maharajah's credit to abolish such inhuman rites within his dominions. In fact I expressed an opinion on the subject and left the Durbar to adopt or not, as they chose.

6. "Rao Kishen Chund makes a present of the mangoes of his garden at Shahdera for the season to the Chiefs of the Durbar."

7. "Ruttun Chund, Dooggul, is reported to have called on Dewan Deena Nath after visiting the Residency, and told him that as he never lost the opportunity of praising him (the Dewan) to the Resident, he hoped he would look after his interests."

18th June.

1. "Sirdar Jewun Singh tells the Rancee that he has reported to Colonel Lawrence her willingness to abide by any arrangement he may sanction, but that she feared being treated by the Sirdars like Rancee Chund Kour, to which Colonel Lawrence replied that the day had gone by when any one would perpetrate a similar atrocity with impunity."

2. "Bukhshee Bhuggut Ram reports that certain of the Sepoys on duty at the Fort of Govindghur had complained to Lieutenant Nicholson of the small amount of their pay (4 rupees a month), and solicits orders. The Durbar order the pay to be increased one rupee, but remark that the men deserve dismissal for their conduct."

3. "Agreeably to a *rookhukaree* from Colonel Lawrence, Doctor Martin is directed to treat several cases of insanity in the city ; arrangements for the subsistence of the patients to be made by the Durbar."

19th June.

1. Five of my Assistants accompany me to Durbar at the Palace. I enquire as to the progress which has been made in the search after Bhaee Maharaj. I beg that some arrangements be made for paying the men of General Cortlandt's Battalion, reported by that officer heavily in arrears. Dresses of honor are presented to Sirdars Lall Singh, Morareeah, and Jhunda Singh ; one is also ordered for Chutter Singh, Atareewalla. We take leave.

2. "A proclamation authorizing Sepoys' family remittances by Government drafts is issued."

3. "Dewan Deena Nath mentions that Dewan Moolraj, Kardar of Pind Dadun Khan, is 15 lakhs of revenue in arrears."

4. "Sirdar Sirdool Singh, Man, and his brother Jowalla Singh, are reported to be thoroughly reconciled."

5. "General Cortlandt's Battalion is ordered to be paid up, and Bukhshee Bhuggut Ram is reprimanded for allowing them to remain so long in arrears of the Regular Army." I hope that before the end of this month all arrears will be paid off and that we shall be able at last to start fair on a system of regular issues of pay : so that no part of the Army may in future be more than two months in arrears.

20th June.

1. "General Sultan Mahmood receives a *rookhsutanah khillat* on his appointment to the command of the Artillery in Huzara."

2. "A confidential servant of Meeans Pirthee and Bichutter Singh of Jummo is reported to have arrived at Lahore and to be in communication with Sirdar Jewun Singh."

3. "Sirdar Shere Singh, Atareewalla, is desired to write to his father to proceed at once and assume charge of his government of Huzara."

21st June.

1. "Jowale, slave girl, arrived from Mooltan, and presented herself before the Maharanee with five white 'Ak' trees, which she said she had procured with very great difficulty. She related that Dewan Moolraj had given her a *khillut* on taking leave, consisting of 5 pieces and 200 rupees and been most particular in his enquiries after Her Highness' health."

2. "The Maharanee says it is a thousand pities that the Sirdars do not attend to State affairs instead of meddling with hers." It is a thousand pities that she does not mind her own affairs instead of meddling with those of State!

3. "By the advice of Jewun Singh the Ranee has sent Rupees 18,000 to Benares to build a *shivulah*."

4. "Sirdar Ram Singh, Jelawalla, reports that Ram Dyal, Kardar of Koonjah, had brought all his zemindars and bad characters up before him and bound them over to keep the peace for the future, and abstain from quarrelling and plundering, on condition that all past offences be overlooked. The Durbar much approved of the idea."

5. "A letter was received from Sirdar Golab Singh, Pohoovindeeah, expressing his gratitude for the handsome *khillut*, and title of Sirdar, which had been conferred on him by the Maharajah. He concluded by asking for an elephant. In reply he was told that one had already been sent."

6. "Baba Luchmun Singh represented that Bhace Maharaj had been traced to the village of Hundyara in the Manjha, which is in the *ilakah* of Lala Hunsraj. Accordingly the Lala was ordered to seize the zemindars of that village and send them to Sirdar Lehna Singh for examination."

22nd June.

1. "The slave girl Maghee reminded the Ranee of her promise to promote her to the vacancy left by Mungla, and wished to know when she is to have the *khillut* of investment. The Ranee replied that as there was now nothing to be done, it was nonsense to talk of *khilluts* and appointments." The very waiting women of a female politician become politicians and intriguers themselves. Ranee Jhunda found an able coadjutor in her slave-girl Mungla, who farmed lands to the amount of 7 lakhs of rupees per annum and was in fact Wazeernee of the

Punjab. The arrival of the British and restoration of order in the government put an end to these irregular influences, and Mungla in the autumn of 1846 went on a pilgrimage to Hindostan.

2. *Durbar at the Residency.* Sirdar Tej Singh brought for inspection some jewels which had been plundered at the time of Heera Singh's murder and now discovered in Bhace Ram Singh's house. Others have been traced into the Julundur Doab, and steps shall be taken to recover them. General Sultan Mahmood of the Artillery has been appointed to command the Artillery in Huzara. Sirdar Tej Singh mentioned that after the death of Runjeet Singh, Nao Nihal Singh inspected and took an account of the Royal Toshakhana, in which there must now be lakhs of rupees. I enquired if the Durbar had settled any of the numerous undecided cases now on the file, and was told that Sirdar Utter Singh, Kalawala, had decided about 50, but many of the plaintiffs were not forthcoming. This I said was not surprising, as after waiting 4 or 5 months they had gone home in despair. A case was related to me wherein a zemindar, who had murdered a Fakcer's wife and sister, had been given over by the Kardar to the Fakeers of the place, who immediately put him to death. This, I remarked, was very improper and quite contrary to the instructions issued to all the Kardars of the kingdom, who have no authority to put to death. I again enquired if the Durbar agreed to give marching money to the troops or not? Dewan Deena Nath and Sirdar Tej Singh said they would discuss the matter with me in private. I pressed upon them the propriety of adopting any measure which promised to abolish the system of seizing carriers for the transfer of the soldiers, and Sirdar Tej Singh assured me that the practice had been put a stop to. I also explained that the charm of a gift was in its freeness. Dewan Deena Nath said that notice had been given that no troopers of the Cavalry service will be mustered by the Sirkar unless they present themselves either at Peshawur or Lahore before the 15th of the month of *Har*. When all but the Chief Sirdars had left the Durbar, I laid before them the letter which the Maharanee had written me with reference to the advice I had given to her to maintain more strictly the privacy of her apartments in the Palace. The letter excited much attention, and Dewan Deena Nath remarked that he was not surprised at Her Highness' contemptuous allusion to the ministers, as he had told Mr. Currie long ago that on the day when they signed their names to the new Treaty, and excluded hers

from it, they incurred her enmity. Bhace Maharaj was reported to have been traced to a village in the Manjha, the zemindars of which had been accordingly confined. Dewan Deena Nath interceded for the release of Sookbraj, late Kardar of Khatir, for whom he put in bail, but I advised his detention on the ground of its being a useful warning to other Kardars. The Dewan requires the presence of the late Kardars of Mundee, Sookeyt and Ferozepoor, to enable the accounts of the Lahore State to be closed with those places; I have promised therefore to procure their attendance through the proper channels. I enquired of Dewan Deena Nath if the Ranee drew her stipulated allowance monthly? He replied that she had an advance of Rupees 25,000; but promised that it should be duly deducted. The Dewan mentioned that 169 Troopers of the Regiment of Orderlies at Peshawar were absent without leave.

3. "One hundred Sowars have been sent into the Manjha to search for Bhace Maharaj." It is not by military but civil means that offenders of this sort are to be apprehended; and it is probable that among the authorities there are many who could give a clue to the Bhace's whereabouts. He is said to be much venerated by the women of the Manjha and to number among his disciples the mothers and wives of several Sirdars, among others of Sirdar Lehna Singh.

4. "Dewan Jowalla Sahai presented himself at Durbar, informed the Sirdars that he had taken leave of the Resident and was going direct to Cashmere. He hoped they would hold him and Kazeer Mohkum-oo-deen in kind remembrance. Upon this Sirdar Tej Singh remarked that he was a very faithful servant." The Sirdar did not specify of what master, whether of the Lahore State or Maharajah Golab Singh. In these parts the two are generally considered incompatible.

5. "The Durbar were engaged nearly an hour-and-a-half in talking of the letter which the Maharanee has sent Colonel Lawrence."

6. "The accounts of two former officials were laid before the Durbar, shewing a balance of Rupees 17,800 against Metah Kishen Chund on account of revenues of the *shakah* of Koonjah, and Rupees 3,040 against Mukhun Singh, *adulter* of Umritsur. The former said that Rupees 8,000 of his balance was still due from the zemindars. He was told to prove it. Assignments were made on both to the amount of their balances."

7. "Sirdar Shumshere Singh, Sindhanwalla, submitted it to the consideration of the Durbar that his *jagheer* at Dussooh in the Jullundur Doab worth 15,000 rupees had been confiscated. Sirdar Tej Singh and Dewan Deena Nath said they would propose to Colonel Lawrence to give him a *jagheer* of Rupees 5,000 instead of it."

8. "Sirdar Shumshere Singh made another request, that some compensation might be given to the sons of the late Joala Singh, his brother-in-law, for the *jagheer* of Rupees 2,100 which had been confiscated likewise. The Durbar said they would consult Colonel Lawrence about giving them a *jagheer* worth Rupees 1,000."

9. "A *jagheer* in the district of Buttala worth Rupees 360 was given to Munglee Lall, Moonshiee of Raie Kishen Chund, and orders sent to the Kardar of Buttala to put him in possession." From these three items it would appear that "consulting the Resident" is a very convenient excuse when the Durbar want to put off a claim, but is unnecessary when they are inclined to receive it. By degrees, however, I must bring them to understand that the form is indispensable in either case, and that no grant is valid without it, but it is difficult to purge in a day, or even a year, this department of Government in which corruption is immemorial. I propose, when Dewan Deena Nath has given in the statement of Punjab *jageers*, to call in the *sunnuds* of *jageerdars*, and after comparison affix my own initials to them to save all future dispute, and in future let the title of no *jagheer* be valid during British occupation of the Punjab without the countersignature of the British Resident. Up to this time the signatures of four of the chief members of Council have been sufficient, it being understood that I am consulted; but I find that the check is not sufficient.

10. "A *jagheer* worth Rupees 500 in the *ilakah* of Sheikopoorah was given to Dewan Huree Chund, brother of Dewan Jowalla Sahale, in exchange for the village of Umurkot."

11. "Sirdar Shumshere Singh, Sindhanwalla, took his leave to go to his house at Rajali Sansee."

12. "Sirdar Shere Singh, on the occasion of Sirdar Chunda Singh getting his *khillat* of appointment to the Deputy Judgeship of Hazara, entreated that Sirdar to make the civil duties, for which he is well suited, his most anxious care, as Sirdar Chutter Singh, his father, was skilled

only in the arts of war and might unwittingly displease the *Sahib* *beg*, who keep so vigilant an eye over the affairs of the country." It is pleasing to observe, as an effect of our presence in the Punjab, Sirdars of the highest rank pretending even to attend to the administration of justice in the districts under them as the only sure road now-a-days in favor and honor: if they can only be brought really to work, it will be a great day for the country.

13. "A detachment of 200 Sowars has been sent out to Kanha Kuch with secret orders to seize Utter Singh, Ghumroleah, concerned in the Prema plot and suspected of lying hid in that place. Rupees 1,000 reward was promised them if they succeed."

23rd June.

1. "Shivdai Rale, Dufferie, blames Colonel Lawrence to the Maharanee for communicating to the Durbar the contents of her letter to himself. The Maharanee says it is not the usual custom for the English to tell what one person says to another, but now her secret is out, and she and the Durbar stand in the relation of plaintiff and defendant; so that she must expect the fate of Ranee Chund Koonwur. She throws the whole blame of the letter on Jewun Singh and Shivdai."

2. "General Cortlandt presented himself at the Durbar on arrival from Shahpoor. He reported that the pay for the troops there had not yet arrived, and he had at last borrowed money himself and given those men who were to get their leave that they might not be detained. The walls of the Shahpoor cantonment were, he said, complete, but no timber was procurable for the roofs of the huts. He represented also the distress of his Artillerymen at Dera Ismael Khan and his regiment at Lukhee for want of pay. Bakhshree Bhuggut Ram was called on to explain, and threw all the blame on Dewan Dowlut Rae, who had not honoured his drafts." I have before reported that in future the system of paying troops by cheques on Kardara is to be discontinued and ready money issued from Lahore or from the Provincial Treasure chests.

3. An order was sent to Sirdar Chutter Singh to distribute 1,000 rupees as a present to the troops in Huzara out of the collections in that country. It is usual in the Sikh army, whenever troops are sent on service, to give them in this manner before hand a promissory note of reward to be realized by their own exertions. It is bad and looks too

like a bribe to do their duty. Marching allowance will in all points be better and will make marching a pleasure instead of a grievance. I warn the Durbar constantly against giving cause of recusancy to the soldiers as they cannot now be permitted as of old to make excuses or refuse this or that duty.

4. "Sirdar Lehna Singh was ordered to sell by auction the confiscated property of Bhace Maharaj at Umritsur."

5. "Amcer Chund, Moonshee of Dewan Deena Nath, was appointed Sherishtadar to Sirdar Chutter Singh in Huzara on a salary of three rupees a day."

6. "The Ranees of the late Maharajah Shere Singh, having come to the conclusion that Colonel Lawrence will do nothing for them, resolved to sell their jewels and despatch Chunda Singh to Simla with presents for the Governor-General and his Aide-le-Camp, and a letter from the Konwur Shiv Deo to His Lordship." At my request the Durbar increased the allowances of these widows 200 and 300 per cent. But they think they ought to be on a level with the Maharanee, whose lakh-and-a-half excites their envy. I will for once go and speak to them all from behind a screen. I sent Deena Nath once to them and have received dozens of their messengers, including two women.

7. The detachment of Sowars that was sent out to Kanha Kuch to seize Utter Singh, Ghumroolcah, have returned without effecting their object, but brought instead some Kanha Kuch zemindars."

8. "Orders have been sent to Sirdars Sultan Mahomed Khan, Syud Mahomed Khan and Peer Mahomed Khan forbidding them to inflict capital punishment on offenders in their districts without first consulting the Nazim of Peshawur and Major Lawrence."

9. "News received from Peshawur that Lieutenant Lumsden has been nearly drowned. He was coming down the Cabul river to Atlok on a raft, one of the supporting skins of which burst and precipitated everything at that end of the raft into the water: with great difficulty Lieutenant Lumsden was extricated, but he lost his pistols, sword, etc."

24th June.

1. "Sirdar Tej Singh, Sirdar Shere Singh, Rafe Kishen Chund and Mool Singh held a long consultation together as to the position assumed

by Dewan Deena Nath, who seems to think that he is the Chief Minister of the State instead of being a simple member of the Council. When the Dewan comes to Durbar, business is transacted; when he stays at home, all business is suspended. This was not to be suffered. Accordingly they all swore to carry on business whether the Dewan comes to Durbar or not, and stand by each other."

2. "From the Peshawur Akhbar it appears that Dewan Hakim Raic had brought up the Dhurmmrth papers before Major Lawrence, who expressed surprize on inspecting them of the custom which seems to have obtained of the heirs of pensioners inheriting public charity. The Dewan said that in the Punjab it was always so."

3. "Sirdar Tej Singh, Raic Kishen Chund and Mool Singh are now-a-days inseparable."

4. "Orders sent to Sirdar Golab Singh, Poboovindeeah, to confirm the *jagor* in the Peshawur district given by Raja Lall Singh to a *mooftie*, brother of Mooftie Kuleem, in the commencement of the autumn harvest of 1903." This requires to be seen to as the man is in Major Macgregor's office.

5. "Sirdar Tej Singh requested the Maharanee to let him see the letter which Dewan Moolraj of Mooltan had sent her by the hand of Jewale, the nurse, which was complied with. It merely said that he had sent her the 'AA' tree which she wanted, and hoped she would consider him her servant to command. The nurse would tell him anything else he had to say. The Sirdar after the perusal of this letter said that it was nonsense to try and impose such a deception upon the Durbar as this. The Maharanee had not sent her nurse all the way to Mooltan to fetch a tree to say her prayers to. There was some other purpose in the mission. Jewun Singh explained that the white 'AA' tree was of high virtue in the worship of Maha Deo. Sirdar Tej Singh replied that it was not at all necessary. Dewan Deena Nath then administered a sharp rebuke to Jewun Singh, to whom he attributed all the foolish acts and improper courses of the Maharanee; and bade him take care for the future." Sirdar Tej Singh's remarks were very home truths. Had the Ranee's object in sending a slave to Mooltan been merely to cull simples for superstitious rites, there would have been no occasion for making it a secret; on the contrary, every native would have deemed it a pious and meritorious thing.

6. Devec Diyal, Kardar of Kadirabad, complains that the zemindars of that place will not come in to him to pay their revenue, but come in fast enough to the British Officers to lodge complaints."

7. "Dewan Deena Nath has appointed two Sherishtahdars to assist Sirdar Lal Singh, Morareeah, in the Sind Sagur Doab, one on a salary of Rupees 4 and the other of Rupees 2 a day."

8. "Raj Roop, Kardar of Kuchee, reports that though Futteh Khan, Gheba, had come in once to Dewan Moolraj, and sworn to give up disturbing the country, he has now returned to Ghebee and commenced his old practices. Since his arrival the zemindars refuse to pay revenue." It is evident that Futteh Khan, Gheba, is one of those men to whom birth, education and example have made rebellion necessary. No agreement binds him. He cannot keep himself quiet for three months at a time. The only thing therefore is to seize him on the first opportunity and confine him in Gobindghur. His country will never be at peace so long as he is at large.

9. At my desire a *jageer* of Rupees 2,000 was given to Lallah Bysaka Singh, Motmid of the late Maharajah Shere Singh. He was at one time factotum of Shere Singh, but was stripped of everything on his master's murder.

10. "The Resident would do well to look after the moonshees in the Cavalry force, who are making a fine thing of the reduction now going on in the Ghorchurrahs." I have had several hints of this kind, but as yet have proved nothing.

25th June.

1. "The Maharanee cannot make out who it is that carries all her private conversation to Colonel Lawrence."

2. "The Durbar were thrown into a great state of consternation by the receipt of a *roobakarr* from Colonel Lawrence calling for information under 41 heads, many of which they said it would be impossible to answer; for instance, the charity of the Maharajahs has always been a fluctuating sum of which no record was kept: sometimes a lakh and sometimes nothing. Rae Klshen Chund consoled them by promising to talk over the Resident."

3. Bhacc Maharaj's property at Umritsur sold for Rupees 6,000. His servants were asked where he was? They said that if they knew they would not be in prison."

4. "A form of weekly military report was forwarded to General Golab Singh, Pohoovindeeah, and General Cortlandt, which they were requested to adopt, and regularly transmit week by week."

5. "Sirdar Chutter Singh, Attareewallah, was written to and told that his yearly salary as Governor of Huzarah is Rupees 12,000 a year, and that of his deputy Rupees 3,000, to be realized out of the revenue of Huzarah."

6. "Orders issued to exempt from all transit dues all grain coming into the British cantonment."

7. "A *roohakaree* from Colonel Lawrence was laid before the Durbar bringing to their notice that the Sowars appointed for the patrol duties of the high roads are in the habit of levying money from passengers. Strict orders were forthwith issued to forbid this practice in future."

8. "A reprimand was sent to Sirdar Ram Singh, Jellawalla, Chief Justice of the Doab between the Jhelum and Chenab, for interfering with the collection of the revenue, with which he was told he had nothing whatever to do, and he had better confine himself to the duties entrusted to him." The difficulty of confining a native official to one appointment I have before noticed, but it must be expected that Kardars will lose no opportunity of calumniating the new Chief Justice, whose sole duty is to do justice to the ryot and keep Kardars in check.

9. "The Kardar of Munawur writes that Maharajah Golab Singh has forbidden the cultivators to pay any more revenue to the Lahore authorities, as the country is his."

10. "Letters were sent to all the zemindars, people and troops in Huzarah requiring them to pay obedience to Sirdar Chutter Singh, Attareewallah, who has been appointed Nazim by the Sirkar. An assignment on the Huzarah revenues for Rupees 700 was also sent to that Sirdar to buy himself a silver *howdah*."

26th June.

1. "An order was sent to Dewan Moolraj of Pind Dadun Khan to return to the Sowars along with Sirdar Lal Singh, Morareeah, Rupees 6000,

on account of the English fine." When the Lahore Government had to make up a crore-and-a-half of rupees to indemnify the British for the war on the Sutlej, a fine of a month's pay was imposed on the whole army, they being the persons to blame! It was not without great difficulty that I got them gradually to remit it, but it was by slow degrees, a month's pay at a time.

2. Accompanied by my assistants I, this morning, went to Durbar. Dewan Deena Nath proposed to call in all the silver coins of various denominations now circulating in the Punjab, especially towards the north and across the Indus, and establish one uniform currency (the Nanuckshahce) throughout the kingdom. This will be a very important reform, and as great a gain to the public in general as a loss to the shroffs and money-changers. I purposed making the proposition myself, but am glad that the Dewan has broached it. Having met the Maharajah on his way to Shalimar very poorly attended, I mentioned the subject this morning in Durbar, and begged that 2 or 3 Sirdars, 100 Sowars and a Company of Infantry might accompany him on all occasions. The Durbar consented to make any provision for the Gundgurheas which Captain Abbott and Dewan Ajodhea Pershad think fair. Adverting to the report in yesterday's Akhbar from Pind Dadun Khan that Rajah Futeeli Khan of Jalub was on his way to Lahore with numerous zemindars to complain of Dewan Moolraj, when the Dewan heard of it and sent to bring him back, and falling in that had recommended the confiscation of the Rajah's *jageer*, I expressed my opinion that if any one's *jageer* ought to be confiscated it should be the Dewan's. With reference also to the continued misconduct of Devesh Dyal, Kardar of Kadurabad, who had put in confinement a person sent by Mr. Cocks to inquire into a former case, I advised that he be forthwith removed, and took the opportunity of publicly expressing my displeasure at the general conduct of the Provincial Kardars, who were told four months ago that their duty was to protect and not to oppress the people; yet complaints do not diminish, and the only defence of the Kardars is that zemindars are bad characters or rebels. Dewan Deena Nath warmly defended the Kardars, with whom he is generally supposed to have good reasons for friendship. If these reports are true his corrupt practices will be materially interfered with by the removals and disappointments of his creatures. I do not, however, forget that the

Dewan has many enemies who lose no opportunity to blacken him. He was opposed to the recall of either Dewan Moolraj or Deves Diyal, "respectable men," he said, "whose hearts would be sufficiently broken by this public discussion." I said I did not understand the respectability of men who robbed and ill-treated their neighbours; on the contrary, the higher the rank of the offender, the greater the offence and necessity for an example. The Dewan is a plain speaker and easy to do business with on that account, and his candour is in general so qualified with courtesy as to be equally free from disrespect and servility. He almost instantly recovered his tone and temper, allowed that the Kardars were much to blame and in his blindest tone commenced a long story on another subject. In the end, as soon as I had left the Durbar, it was agreed to recall the two Kardars in question as soon as ever arrangements could be made to supersede them. I again called the attention of the Durbar to the necessity of auditing the long outstanding accounts of Mir Umeer Chund, and Sheikh Emam-oo-deen, Sirdar Runjore Singh, &c., &c., to which the Dewan replied that nothing but overwhelming business had prevented their being examined long ago. My *roobakaree* calling for a statement of the expenses of the Lahore State (which has passed into a proverb among the Secretaries and Sirdars as "the forty-one column *roobakaree*") was again discussed, and as it appeared that there were no records of the charities, personal expenses, &c., of former Maharajahs, I begged that they would supply me with such information as was in their power without delay in reference to preceding administrations.

3. "Sirdar Goormookh Singh, Lumbah, Sirdar Sirdool Singh, Man, and Sirdar Mungal Singh, brother-in-law of Maharajah Khurruk Singh, have been appointed to attend the Maharajah in his sittings morning and evening. 100 sowars and a company of Infantry were told off for the same duty."

4. "Orders were sent to the Kardar of Rawul Pindee to establish a mint there forthwith for melting down the miscellaneous rupees current in Huzara and the North-West and issuing Nanuckshabees in their stead." I am trying also to get Maharajah Golab Singh to do the same in his own dominions, substituting of course a Golabee for a Nanuckahahee currency, but making the former equivalent to the latter. This would much simplify commercial transactions between the two countries.

5. "Dya Ram and others, who have been appointed to official situations in Huzara, Mukhun Singh, Kardar of Khanpoor, and Kishen Chund, Kardar of Khatir, were called up and lectured as to their conduct in their respective offices, and admonished especially to avoid taking more revenue than was due, and oppressing the ryots, offences which now-a-days were taken very strict cognizance of, and not only brought punishment on the parties concerned, but disgrace on the Government." This is just the state of feeling to which I have been endeavouring to bring the Durbar, and I hope they will continue to entertain it.

6. "Sirdar Tej Singh mentioned that of the 3,000 maunds of grain which by ancient regulation the Kardars are required to put into Gobindgurh annually not a single grain had as yet been supplied. Orders were issued accordingly."

7. "Dewan Gunput Raie and Dewan Deves Sahaie, on the part of themselves and their regiment of Ghorchurrahs, petitioned against being put under command of Sirdar Lal Singh, Morareeah, who is a 'new man,' but yesterday getting Rupees 2 a day; whereas the Ghorchurrahs are the best blood of the Punjab. At the same time if the Sirkar thought fit to put a sweeper at the head of them, they would obey! The Durbar accordingly proposed to send Sirdar Ram Singh, Chapawallah, with his Sowars instead of the Ghorchurrahs." I begged they would do nothing of the kind. The time has past when the soldiers of the Sikh army chose their own stations, and performed what duties they pleased. If Dewan Gunput Raie is too proud to serve under Lal Singh, Morareeah, he is at liberty to leave the service and go to his home.

8. "Orders were sent to Sirdar Golab Singh, Pohorvindeeah, to discharge all those Sowars of the Orderly Regiments who were absent without leave when their regiment crossed the Indus, and to send in a list of those of them who were *jageerdars*."

9. Copies of the following documents are herewith enclosed:—

No. 1—Lieutenant Taylor's Cashmere Diary from 2nd to 6th instant.

No. 2—Ditto ditto 7th to 13th instant.

No. 3—Major G. Lawrence's Peshawar Diary from 13th to 19th instant.

No. 4—Captain James Abbott's letter No. 154, dated 21st instant, with Journal of Boundary operations, from 11th to 20th instant.

No. 5—Major G. Lawrence's letter No. 29, dated 22nd instant, reporting Cabul intelligence.

VISITS PAID AND RECEIVED.

13th June.

Gunesh Das, Mothir of Sirdar Utter Singh, Kalleewallah.

14th June.

Fakeer Noor-oo-deen; Sirdar Shere Singh; Sirdar Utter Singh, Kalleewallah, with his Mothir Gunesh Das; Mullik Khair-oo-deen, Mumlooteta; Mehtab Singh, Mothir of Bhace Mahoo Singh; Shah Newaz Khan, son of Sirwar Khan, Tankwallah; Abaizur Khan, Koondeewallah, with his Mothir Auzad Khan; Khooshee Ram, Vakeel of Sirdar Lehna Singh; Rao Kishen Chund, Vakeel of the Lahore Government; Kazeer Mohikum-oo-deen, Vakeel of Maharajah Golab Singh; Bhurrol Singh, Vakeel of Meer Shere Mahomed Khan, Sindhee; Jait Singh, Komedar of the Lahore Government; Ujjab Singh, Vakeel of Sirdar Kanh Singh, Man.

Sheikh Emam-oo-deen called on Captain Edwardes.

Sheikh Meeran Bokhsb, Mothir of Sirdar Shumshere Singh; Dusrut Dyal, Moonshee of the news-writer.

15th June.

Sirdars Tej Singh, Shere Singh, and Lehna Singh; Dewan Deena Nath; Fakeer Noor-oo-deen; Bhace Nidhan Singh; Sirdar Shumshere Singh; Sirdar Utter Singh, Kalleewallah; Rao Kishen Chund, Vakeel of the Lahore Government; Ruttun Chund Dooggul; Sirdar Sirdool Singh; Kher Singh, Sindhanwallah; Bokhshee Bhuggut Ram; Khoosheyal Singh, Antarwallah; Ummer Singh, Majeethia; General Mehtab Singh; Fakeer Shumshodeen; Portab Singh, Munheeyas; Dewan Busakha Singh; Lala Anunt Ram, Muchohoo; Sirdar Golab Singh; Bawa Ummer Singh; Bhace Fakeer Bokhsb, Deoreewallah; Bawa Muhtyan Singh; Khooshee Ram, Vakeel of Sirdar Lehna Singh, Majeethia; Goormookh Singh, Lumman; Sirdar Mungul Singh; Shah Newaz Khan,

Tankwallah; Lala Thakoor Dass, brother of Ruttun Chund, Dooggul; Ujjub Singh, Vakeel of Sirdar Kanh Singh, Man; Utter Singh, son of Kanh Singh, Nukkie; Futteh Mahomed, son of Sheikh Ghoolam Hoosain, Kardar; Punjab Singh, son of Hurree Singh; Hurdut Singh, Pudhaneeah; Kooshyal Singh, Kotgurreah; Mungul Singh, Ramgurrea; Bawa Luchmun Singh, Motbir of Sirdar Lehna Singh; Miar Ameer Chund, brother of Rajah Lal Singh; Miar Megraj; Ram Singh, Chapawala; Jowala Singh, Man; Nihal Singh, son of Jhunda Singh; Lal Singh, Morareeah; Ruttun Singh, Mundeewalla; Ram Chund, Moherwallah; Dewan Jowala Sahae, and Kazee Mohkum-oo-deen; Mool Singh, Vakeel of Moonshee Munglee Lal.

16th June.

Aukboon Fuzzul All, Motbir of Nuwab of Dera Ismael Khan; Moher Singh, one of the Seikhs of a Regiment.

Bawa Luchmun Singh, Motbir of Sirdar Lehna Singh; Ruttun Chund Dooggul; Hookum Chund, Moonshee of Rae Kishen Chund; Lala Anant Ram, Muchchoo.

17th June.

Kishen Singh, Ghorchurra, dumb (*sic*); Rae Kishen Chund, Vakeel of the Lahore Government; Ruttun Chund with the long beard; Dewan Deena Nath; Lala Poohoo Mull; Ram Millawa, and Khoosheeram, sons of the former; Hookum Chund, Moonshee of Rae Kishen Chund; Jewun Singh, Motbir of Her Highness the Rancee.

18th June.

Heera Singh, son of Chutter Singh, Kaleewallah; Kazee Mohkum-oo-deen, Vakeel of Maharajah Golab Singh; Muhais Rae—to ask pardon of Captain Edwardes; Suddanund, Motbir of Ruttun Chund with the long beard; Ruttun Chund Dooggul; Bawa Luchmun Singh, Motbir of Sirdar Lehna Singh.

19th June.

Dewan Jowalla Sahae and Kazee Mohkum-oo-deen, Vakeels of Maharaja Golab Singh; Suddanund, Vakeel of Ruttun Chund, long beard; Sirdars Shumshere Singh and Keher Singh, Sindhanwallas;

Nidhan Singh, Motbir of Sirdar Keher Singh; Mool Singh, Vakeel of Sirdar Tej Singh; Shah Newaz Khan, Kuttee Khall; Dewan Shunker Nath; Saeeen Dass, Motbir of Sirdar Shere Singh.

20th—Sunday.

21st June.

Fakeer Noor-oo-deen; Sirdars Shere Singh, Aotar Singh, and Utter Singh, Kaleewallah; Dya Ram, Khutree, who has been appointed Kardar of Huzara; Aukhoon Gholam Mohee-oo-deen, Motbir of Sooltan Mahomed Khan; Sirdar Lal Singh, Morareeah; Mehtab Singh, Motbir of Bhace Mahoo Singh; Sheikh Emam-oo-deen; Dewan Jowalla Sahae and Kazee Mohikum-oo-deen; Rajah Bhoorale Singh, Justotawallah; Ujjub Singh, Vakeel of Sirdar Kanh Singh, Man; Khooshee Ram, Vakeel of Sirdar Lehna Singh; Mool Singh, Vakeel of Sirdar Tej Singh; Suddanund, Motbir of Ruttun Chund with the long beard; Ruttun Chund, Dufturree of Sheikh Emam-oo-deen.

22nd June.

Sirdars Tej Singh and Shere Singh; Utter Singh, Kaleewallah; Dewan Deena Nath; Sirdar Lehna Singh; Fakeer Noor-oo-deen, Bhace Nidhan Singh; Rae Kishen Chund; Ruttun Chund, Dooggul; Sirdar Sirdool Singh; Khooshyeal Singh, Attareewallah; Fakeer Shums-oo-deen; Dewan Busakha Singh; Lala Anant Ram, Muchchoo; Sirdar Golab Singh; Bawa Ummer Singh; Bhace Fakeer Bukhsh, Deoreewallah; Bawa Muhyean Singh; Khooshee Ram, Vakeel of Sirdar Lehna Singh; Goormookh Singh, Lumman, the venerable; Sirdar Mungul Singh; Shah Newaz Khan, Tankwallah; Ujjub Singh, Vakeel of Sirdar Kanh Singh; Utter Singh, son of Kanh Singh, Nukkie; Punjab Singh, son of Hurree Singh; Hurdutt Singh, Pudhaneeah; Khooshyal Singh, Kotghurreea; Bawa Luchmun Singh, Motbir of Sirdar Lehna Singh; Mir Amcer Chund, brother of Raja Lal Singh; Ram Singh, Chapawalla; Jowala Singh, Man; Nehal Singh, son of Jhunda Singh; Lal Singh, Morareeah; Ruttun Sain, Mundeewallah; Ram Chund, Moherwallah.

23rd June.

Cortlandt of the Lahore army; Bawa Luchmun Singh, Motbir of Sirdar Lehna Singh; Khooshiyal Singh, Kotghurreeah; Mir Saheb-diyal; Asanund, Vakeel of Mooltan; Dewan Ruttun Chund, Dooggul.

24th June.

Bawa Luchmun Singh, Motbir of Sirdar Lehna Singh; General Sooltan Mahomed Khan of the Artillery; Ruttun Chund with the long beard; Daibee Dutt, Dewan of the Lahore Government.

25th June.

Kazee Molikum-oo-deen, Vakeel of Maharaja Golab Singh; Meenas Shumsher Singh, Bishen Singh, and Jewun Singh of Jusrata; Mezan Nikka Singh, inhabitant of Lukhonpore; Rae Kishen Chund, Vakeel of the Lahore Government.

26th June.

Sirdar Lal Singh, Morareeah; Moonshee Sudda Nund, Motbir of Dewan Ruttun Chund with the long beard; Hurree Singh; Nehal Singh; Bussawa Singh, Ghorchurra Kufan; Meer Shere Mahomed Khan, Sindhee, together with his son Mahomed Khan and Bhurrul Singh, his Vakeel.

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Political Diary of the Agent, Governor-General, North-West Frontier, and Resident at Lahore, from the 27th of June to the 10th of July 1847.

SUMMARY OF PUNJAB INTELLIGENCE.

27th June.

1. "Mungla, the slave-girl, has written from Cawnpore to the Ranee to report that she has now completed her pilgrimages and hopes soon to have the honor of seeing Her Highness."

2. "Bhaee Ameer Bukhsh reported to the Ranee that Sirdar Tej Singh was very angry at her placing the white 'Ak' tree in the Summun. Accordingly she ordered it to be transplanted to the Khwabgah."

3. "At the request of Sirdar Lehna Singh, a Dufteree was sent to Sirdar Runjore Singh to beg that he would no longer delay sending in his accounts."

4. "Sudda Nund, Moonshee of Ruttun Chund of the long beard, reported the return of his cousin Poorun Chund to Lahore. The Courtiers discussed his dismissal from the service of Sheikh Emam-

oo-deen. Sudda Nund declared that it was without cause. It is supposed that he made two or three lakhs of rupces in Mungla's time by the employments which she entrusted to him."

5. "The widows of the late Maharajah Shere Singh complain to Lala Anunt Ram that Colonel Lawrence, though the friend of that Prince, has not given them his *jageers*. Anunt Ram advises them to be prudent and live on what they have got."

6. "Tara Singh, Commandant of Artillery, on his way to Huzarah, writes that the horses of his Battery are quite unfit for work and others are required. In reply, two horses were sent him!"

28th June.

1. "The Council takes the trouble to persuade Gunput Rae to go to the Sinde Sagur Doab and he signed an agreement to do so." For the last twenty days the man has been making excuses and is, I understand, still unwilling to do as he is ordered. I have therefore told the Durbar to set him aside altogether.

2. "Rotton Chund, Dooggul, agrees, if the Durbar give the Kardarship of Dera Ismael Khan to his brother Thakoor Dass, to accompany him there and stay 2 or 3 months, putting him in the way of doing his duty." If Thakoor Dass requires a dry nurse, he will not do for Dera Ismael Khan, which is one of the most difficult districts in the Khabsa territory.

3. "Cashmerce Mull was reproved for interfering with the collection of customs which belongs to Mir Rulla Ram and not to him."

4. "A reproof was sent to Dewan Dowlut Rae for removing Nizam Khan from the wardership of the Lukkee fort and placing Futteh Khan, Kussooree, in his place." Nizam Khan is the Killadar who so well defended the fort when the Murwutees rose in rebellion and besieged him; but it is by no means clear that he was not partly the cause of the insurrection.

5. "Bukhshee Kunliya Lal was told that the Sowars complained bitterly against him for taking bribes. He said it was impossible that any Paymaster should take a bribe." I have heard many complaints against the Bukhshee on this score, but as yet nothing has been proved against him. If, however, his individual innocence is to be a

deduction from the general honesty of his class, I am afraid he is condemned out of his own mouth.

6. "Sirdar Tej Singh received a letter from Mr. John Lawrence informing him that half his *jageer* only was confirmed in the Doab, and that for his own life alone. The Sirdar expressed his surprise at this proceeding as he said he had never offended the British Government, but, on the contrary, had laboured heart and soul in their service."

7. "Baba Luchmun Singh told the Durbar that Sirdar Lehna Singh had had some of his *jageers* in the Doab confiscated."

8. "From the Jullundur Doab Akhbar it was ascertained that the Bedees and Sodees had had all their *jageers* confiscated and only maintenance allowed them."

9. "Mool Singh told the Durbar that Colonel Lawrence had made the following distribution of the *zamboorkhanah* :—

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| " In Peshawur | ... | ... | ... | 75 |
| " In Huzara | ... | ... | ... | 75 |
| " In Hussain Abdal | ... | ... | ... | 50 |
| " In Shahpoor | ... | ... | ... | 92 |
| " In Lahore | ... | ... | ... | 50 |
| " Total | | | | 342 " |

10. "A complaint was received from Sirdar Ram Singh, Jullawalla, Chief Justice of the Jindut Doab, against Gobind Sahae, Kardar of Goozrat, for raising the price of grain to an exorbitant pitch. The said Kardar says Sirdar Ram Singh has a spite against him. The Durbar express their astonishment that after all that has been said and done about Kardars, that class should not take warning, but go on extorting."

11. "Agreeably to a *rosbakaree* from Colonel Lawrence, Sirdar Lehna Singh was called upon to state who it was that was entertaining soldiers in the Manjha. Sardar Shere Singh conjectured that it might be a recruiting Sergeant of his named Shooja Singh."

12. "The Ranee sent a penitent message to Sirdar Tej Singh to assure him that she had never intended to complain of him to the Resident, but the Moonshiee who wrote her letter had put words into her mouth which she hoped the Sirdar would forgive. He replied that she was her own mistress to do as she pleased. It was not for him to presume to forgive her."

29th June.

1. Mr. Bowring conducted the Sirdars to Durbar at the Residency. The auspicious rains were a subject of great congratulation with the Sirdars. I recommended that Sirdar Kanh Singh, Man, be relieved of the charge of the Rechna Doab, and that it be given to some other Sirdar; the Lahore Adalat (which Kanh Singh also holds) being quite sufficient to occupy the attention and time of one person. Sirdar Tej Singh reported the progress of the Sikh Troops to Huzara, and that all requisite stores had been sent after them. I told the Sirdar that if he wished to entertain a European Artilleryman in the place of Mr. Gardner, he could have Potter back again, who was made prisoner at Aleewal. The Sirdar requested me to send for him, and I propose sending him to Huzara when he comes. He is now at Kangra. A tabular statement of the regular Sikh Infantry was given in by Bukhshee Bhuggut Ram, and Bukhshee Kunhyah Lall was told to prepare one of the Cavalry on a similar plan. In course of discussion on the reductions of the Cavalry it was mentioned that Raja Lal Singh had entertained 7,400 sowars above the complement allowed by the Treaty. Letters coming in from Lieutenant Lumsden during the Durbar, I was enabled to bring to the notice of the Sirdars the disorders occasioned in Huzara by the Gumdurgeas. Had their *jagers* been confirmed at first they would not now be in this unsettled state. Speaking of the late accident to Lieutenant Lumsden on the Cabul river, Sirdars Tej Singh and Shere Singh said it was well that he had escaped, not from the flood but from the tribes who inhabit its banks, the boatmen being in the constant practice of running aground or bringing about other accidents to the traveller for the sake of robbing him on shore, an offence which they had often punished when at Peshawur. Sirdar Lehna Singh reported good progress in the settlement of the judicial arrears. Sirdar Shere Singh believed that his father Sirdar Chutter Singh had set out with his deputy, Sirdar Chunda Singh, for Huzara. I requested him to remind his father to take care that the new cantonment in Huzara be in a healthy spot. I laid before the Sirdars a formidable looking *urree* about a yard square and covered all over with the seals of a cloud of witnesses. It was the complaint of a merchant of Peshawur against the Regiment of General Goordut Singh. Dewan Deena Nath and Sirdar Tej Singh said the

General himself should be held responsible. Dewan Deena Nath admitted that a portion of the Cavalry force was in arrears of pay, 15 months, but said that Runjeet Singh never commenced paying them till they were 10 months in arrears. At a rough calculation he estimated that it would require 20 lakhs of rupees to pay up the Cavalry. The Paymasters afterwards told me that 12 lakhs would be sufficient.

2. "Dewan Deena Nath, being asked in the subsequent Durbar at the Palace what revenue was derived from the customs, replied at present 150,40,000 rupees (*sic*), but of course this would much diminish if Colonel Lawrence's plan was to be carried out, as the duty on several articles was to be abolished." The great ability of the Dewan does not lie in the direction of political economy, and it is in vain that I rehearse to him the results of experience in England and India. His estimates include expenses, which reduce the amount by half.

3. "A severe reprimand was sent to Dewan Moolraj of Pind Dadun Khan for not removing Doonee Chund from the Kardarship of Kuchee, as he had been ordered long ago. Let him be recalled now without delay."

4. "Bukhshee Bhuggut Ram complained that in spite of repeated calls Sirdar Sooltan Mahomed Khan and his brothers had failed to pay Rupees 24,000 which is due from them. Accordingly an order was substituted for it on Gobind Sahae, Kardar of Goozrat."

5. "Drafts were issued on several Sirdars for the cost of the green corn which they had cut in Bunnoo, according to a return made of the same by Sirdar Shumsher Singh, Sindhanwalla."

6. "1,500 rupees were granted to Sirdar Lehna Singh to build court-house wherein to carry on his judicial business."

7. "Mutual complaints were received from Sirdar Ram Singh, Chief Justice of the Jinhut Doab, and Gobind Sahae, Kardar of Goozrat. The former complains that Gobind Sahae pays no attention to his orders, the latter that Sirdar Ram Singh brings up old settled cases against him and interferes in the revenue. The Durbar sent good advice to both." It is to be expected that the new Judges will be unpopular with the Kardars, but they must be supported in their new duties.

8. "A sharp reproof was sent to Dewan Moolraj of Pind Dadun Khan for oppressing the zemindars of Ahmedabad and Khooshab, whose wives and families he was ordered to release from confinement without delay." As far as the Punjab usage is concerned, the Dewan is quite in order in seizing the women to make sure of the men, and it is a sign of the times that the Durbar was shocked at the proceeding.

30th June.

1. The newswriter reports that "Maghee and Badamoon, two of the Maharanee's maids of honor who were enceinte, have succeeded in procuring abortion."

2. "The suitors in the court of Sirdar Lehna Singh can get no justice, and even those who recover their property by decree have by custom to give up one-fourth of it to the State." If so respectable a man as Sirdar Lehna Singh cannot be induced to do his duty, where shall we turn?

3. "It is reported by some people that the Resident meditates setting up Konwur Shiv Deo in the place of Maharaja Dulceep Singh. The Maharanee is very indignant." (Well she might be if she believed it.) "Her Highness has thought it best to assemble Fakeers in three places in and about Lahore to pray to Heaven for her wishes to be accomplished; and they say that by the power of their art they will be the death of Sirdar Tej Singh and the other enemies of the Ranee." So long as they confine themselves to unearthly agencies these holy conspirators are harmless; but false prophets have a habit of betaking themselves as a *dernier* resort to more sublunary contrivances to make good their promises. Bhaee Maharaj Singh might have performed incantations at Umritaur all the days of his life in peace; but when he called in a man like Prema and began giving away swords, it was high time to take cognizance of his proceedings. It is impossible, while watching this foolish Queen sending Brahmins from place to place to put up evil prayers in her behalf, to help recalling Balak carrying Balaam from mountain to mountain and altar to altar to find out the auspicious spot from which his enemies might be cursed.

4. "Hutree Chund (a Fakeer and Alchymist whom the Maharanee has nominated her Gooroo) requested his *rookhsut* from the Durbar to go to Thanesar. Accordingly a shawl was given him on taking leave, and he

was asked what Her Highness had given him? He replied that on a former occasion, rupees 18,000 and a pair of gold bangles; now if the Durbar would permit him to call on the Raneé, it would be seen what Her Highness would confer on him. Sirdar Tej Singh referred him to Sirdar Shere Singh, who is warden of the Fort; Shere Singh referred him to the Resident, without whose authority he certainly should not have access. Sirdar Tej Singh then advised him, if he regarded his own interest, to go home instead of going to the Raneé."

5. "55 heads of cows and buffaloes, confiscated property of Bhace Maharaj, were brought before the Durbar for inspection, and ultimately given to the Akalees and Grunthees of Shuheed Gunj."

6. "Dewan Deena Nath, Misr Sahab Dyal, and Bhace Hurree Singh remained the whole day engaged in making out the customs' returns."

7. "A *roobakaree* coming from Mr. Cocks on the subject of Dewan Moolraj's violent proceedings with the zemindars of Ahmedabad, Hunsraj, the Dewan's nephew, and Ruttun Chund, Dooggul, were despatched with 100 rupees to talk over the zemindars and get them to go home again."

8. "Raie Kishen Chund reminded the Durbar that the '41-headed *roobakaree*' was still unanswered. Accordingly Sohna Mull, Moonshee, brought up an enormous blank form which had been prepared in the Dufter for Dewan Deena Nath to fill up in reply."

9. "Bukhshee Kunhya Lal told Sirdar Tej Singh that language would fail to express the rowing which he had got that morning from Colonel Lawrence concerning the payment of the Cavalry. Tej Singh told him that Colonel Lawrence was to them all in the place of Maharaja Runjeet Singh, and that he would not allow any officers of Government to be either neglectful or dishonest."

10. "Sirdar Utter Singh, Kalawalla, was told to discharge 1,500 Sowars who are in excess of regulation. He replied that the Sowars were now quite as anxious for their own discharge as he was to give it to them, but the Durbar must furnish the money. The shameful backwardness of the Kardars was afresh lamented."

1st July.

1. "Jeevun Singh was ordered to go in pursuit of the Bhace Maharaj and *perwannas* were issued in the names of all the Kardars to afford him such assistance as he might require."

2. "According to the request of Sirdar Shere Singh, Attareewallah, the matchlockmen of the late Jowahir Singh were ordered to proceed to Huzara to perform service under Sirdar Chutter Singh, Attareewallah."

3. "An *urree* was received from Sirdar Lal Singh, Kallanwalla, stating that he had taken an agreement from the zemindars of Khatir that no crime should occur within the vicinity of the cantonment of Hussain Abdal. A *personna* was issued on this to the Kardar of Khatir ordering him to inform the zemindars of that place that they would be held responsible for any offence committed within their district or the vicinity of the encampment."

4. "The Dewan said that the Resident had recommended that Syud Meer Shah be appointed to a Kardarship in the Dera Ismael Khan *ilakah*." The Syud in question is one of the few Kardars of whom, as yet, I have heard all parties speak well.

2nd July.

1. "Fakcer Chiragh-oo-deen represented that Bhace Bhlood Singh had petitioned for his release. The Sirdars said that this petition would not be granted as the Bhace was a creator of disturbances." He is concerned in the Prema plot.

2. "Sheikh Emam-oo-deen, Sirdar Runjore Singh, and Miar Ameer Chund are told that their accounts were being settled, but as money was required to pay the cavalry it was necessary for them to advance it. The Sheikh said that his effects at Hoshiarpore had been confiscated, and he could not advance the money, but that he would pay it up as soon as possible. If it must be paid now, the money must be taken from the residue of his confiscated property. Sirdar Runjore Singh stated that he had no means of paying as his property was in Bhace Goormookh Singh's house when it was confiscated, but that if it were released he would pay 40 or 50,000 rupees in advance. Miar Ameer Chund begged that his account might be settled when he would engage to pay up any balance. The Sirdars said that the Resident must be consulted." As there is so much delay in settling these accounts, I suggested that these persons should be called to pay down at once such sum as they acknowledged to be due.

3. "Bhace Ameer Bukhah stated that the Maharancee was very angry that the establishment of Sirdar Jowahir Singh had been done

away with and requested that it might be kept up. Dewan Deena Nath said that such matters could not constantly be brought up before the Resident, and that if the Rance wished the establishment to be maintained she must do it herself." Her Highness made a false move when she quarrelled with the Durbar. The Sirdars have looked after her much better since they found out that they were considered *nimuck hurams*.

4. "The Rance subsequently sent to request that 300 rupees might be allotted for supporting Jowahir Singh's establishment, but the Sirdars would not consent."

5. "Kishen Chund, Vakeel of Sirdar Hurree Singh, said that the Maharaja was anxious that the establishment of Sirdar Hurree Singh and of the late Sirdar Jowahir Singh should be kept up. The Sirdars still objected on the plea of expense."

6. "Perrannas were addressed to Nawab Haiyat Ullly Khan and other *jageerdars* of Tank directing them to collect the revenue for the rubbee crop only, and pay up and discharge their horsemen with the exception of one."

7. "Shunker Nath, Vakeel, represented that he had settled the case of the zemindars of Ahmedabad and Dewan Moolraj, but on this condition that another Kardar should be appointed to Pind Dadun Khan. Hunaraj, nephew of Dewan Moolraj, applied for the situation, and his request meeting with the approbation of the Sirdars, he was appointed Kardar and a *khillat* was given to him. He was instructed to conduct himself in such a manner that the zemindars might have no reason to complain, which he promised to do."

8. "The zemindars of Loopooke obtained their release from imprisonment on condition of producing Lal Singh, *Adalut*, for whom they had given security, within 2 months."

3rd July.

1. I went to-day together with my assistants to Durbar. I told the Durbar that the Gundgurreas had remained during 4 months with Mr. Vans Agnew, but that they had not obtained their rights. Dewan Deena Nath said that their affairs would now be settled. I asked Bukhishee Bhuggut Ram how it was that the troops stationed at Shahpoor had not

been paid. He said that the Mootsuddes had first proceeded to pay the troops stationed at Ramnugger and had then gone to Shahpore, which had caused some delay. I said "the Mootsuddes ought to be punished" and complained that the troops were only paid according to the fancy of the Bukhshees. I enquired how much treasure had been sent to Peshawur? The Bukhshee replied 2,42,000 rupees. I complained that part of it consisted of inferior money. The Bukhshee said that in future this should not happen. I asked if any arrangements had been made for paying the Cavalry. The Sirdars answered that Sirdar Runjore Singh had agreed to pay 40,000 rupees if his property, which had been confiscated, were released. I dwelt for some time on the continued misconduct of the Paymasters and their deputies, and remarked that I saw little hope of amendment until two or three are severely punished; that the pay of the troops at Shahpore had been nearly two months delayed, although I had weekly enquired and remarked on the matter; and, further, that no remittance appeared ever to be made to Peshawur to the amount that is reported, and that the sum is not only always $\frac{1}{2}$ or $\frac{1}{4}$ less than it should be, but the greater part of the rupees are invariably of a debased coinage. I desired the Durbar to send to me as soon as possible the army statements, together with a statement of the various cantonments.

2. "At the Durbar a *roobakaree* from Captain Abbott was read on the subject of the boundary of Minawur."

3. "*Perwannas* were sent to the various Sirdars requesting them to send in to Sirdar Kanh Singh, Man, a list of all their troops and personal attendants."

4. "According to the request of Fakeer Chiragh-oo-deen, *perwannas* were issued in the name of the Kardar and Thanahdars on the road between Lahore and Ferozepore informing them that an officer was to be deputed for the purpose of surveying the road and requesting them to afford him all possible assistance." Lieutenant McNeill of the Horse Artillery has undertaken to survey the road in question and commenced some days ago.

5. "*Perwannas* were issued appointing Hunsraj a Kardar. He requested to be allowed to remain at Lahore, but was told that he must set out to join his new appointment."

6. "The body of Sahab Singh Duferry's son was found in a house adjoining the houses of Bukhtawur Singh and Bhaee Chait Ram. Two persons were seized on suspicion by the Thanadar; one of the prisoners confessed to the murder, and part of the property of the murdered child was found on him."

4th July.

1. "*Perwannas* were issued appointing Syud Meer Shah, Kardar of Murwut, Bunnoo, etc."

2. The zemindars of Sutgurb requested that Kishen Singh, Kardar, might levy the revenue from them in the same proportion as he had levied it from other neighbouring districts, and begged that the amount of the fines taken from them by him might be remitted. They also complained of the oppression committed by the Kardar in seizing their cattle, etc. In accordance with their request a *perwanna* was issued to Roop Chund, Kardar of Sutgurb, directing him to collect the revenue in proportion to the demand made on neighbouring districts and forbidding him to seize the cattle, etc., of the zemindars if they were prepared to pay the amount in money. The zemindars were instructed that Roop Chund had been appointed Kardar and were instructed to pay the revenue to him.

3. "Sirdars Shere Singh and Nahur Singh, Attareewallah, stated that their paternal property in Attaree, consisting of wells, houses, etc., had been taken possession of by Narayun Singh, confidant of Sirdars Sham Singh and Kanh Singh, Attareewallah, owing to the displeasure of Raja Heera Singh at their adherence to Maharaja Golah Singh. They were answered that their case should be enquired into and referred to the Resident, and that a *perwanna* would in the meantime be addressed to Narayun Singh informing him of the charge brought against him."

4. "An *urree* was received from Bhaee Mahoo Singh, Kardar of Khatir, stating that he had taken a security bond from the zemindars of that district against the commission of any crimes within their neighbourhood. A *perwanna* was on this sent to Sirdar Lal Singh, Kaliauwalla, directing him to order the zemindars to act up to the *mochulka*, and another was despatched to the Kardar praising him for his good management."

5. "An *urree* was received from Bhaie Dolce announcing the arrival of the Churumjeet Regiment at Huzara. He was in reply commended for having conveyed the Regiment thither, but was told that the Durbar had heard that the Sowars had committed oppression upon the zemindars on the road, and that if such conduct were reported in Huzara Colonel Jodh Singh would be considered responsible."

6. "A *perwanna* was addressed to Colonel Jodh Singh reprimanding him for the misconduct of his troops and informing him that on repetition of such oppression he would himself be punished."

7. "Sirdar Kanh Singh, Man, requested that deputies might be appointed in his court to further the despatch of business, and recommended that Sirdar Ram Singh might have the decision of cases occurring in the district of Nuhmah and Sirdar Chunda Singh, Kalianwalla, of those on the Ravee river."

8. "Sirdar Kanh Singh, Man, stated that he had requested all the Sirdars to send in a list of all soldiers attached to them, but that none of them had as yet done so. The Durbar ordered Raheem Beg to go to the Sirdars and instruct them to send in the required statement as soon as possible."

5th July.

1. "The Ghorchurras, together with Bukhishee Kunhya Lal and Sirdar Utter Singh, presented themselves and claimed pay for 18 months. A long discussion ensued, in which the Durbar accused them of being ungrateful to their salt, while they rejected the charge and gave a long enumeration of all their services at various times and in various places. Dewan Deena-Nath then said that according to the books pay was due to them for 15 months which would be given to them. The Ghorchurras replied that they had lost their services and would gather their proper dues from the Resident."

2. "25,000 rupees were ordered to be paid to the regular troops for the months of *Bysakh* and *Juth*."

3. "According to the request of Bukhishee Bhuggut Ram *perwannas* were sent to the Kardars ordering them to send in to the Treasury rupees of the proper value."

4. "An *urree* was received from Kunhya Lal, Kardar of Minawur, stating that property to the amount of 1,200 rupees had been stolen at

Pinola with the connivance of the soldiers placed there. He stated that he had imprisoned the soldiers, but that the thieves had taken refuge with Mihra, a servant of Maharaja Golab Singh. Rafe Kishen Chund was instructed to inform the Resident, while a *perwanna* was addressed to Dewan Ajoodhia Pershad directing him to inform Captain Abbott of the theft in order to procure the arrest of the parties named."

5. "Nurayun Singh, confidant of Sirdar Kanh Singh, Attareewallah, was advised to settle his dispute with Sirdar Nahur Singh and Shere Singh, Attareewallah."

6. "Chirag-oo-deen stated that Sirdar Partap Singh, Sindhanwalla, had not yet released his servant Kazee Ghoolam Hussun. Five sowars were ordered to go and release him."

6th July.

1. In the morning Durbar was held at Anarkullez. I enquired of Sirdar Tej Singh whether the troops of General Cortlandt, which had been ordered to Shahpoor, had been paid? He said that they had received their pay for the month of *Phagun* and *Chait*, and that pay for the months of *Bysakh* and *Jath* had also been sent to them. I informed the Chiefs that a steamer would come up the Attock by way of Kalabagh, and in reply to their request told them that notice would be given to them when the steamer would arrive, with a view to orders being issued on all the Kardars to provide the necessary supplies. I read to the Chiefs two *roobakarees*, one stating that Mr. Cocks and Major Macgregor would be sent to Durbar on Wednesdays and Fridays respectively, the one to ensure the despatch of *faujdar* business, the other to hasten the decisions in cases concerning the troops which were still pending in Durbar. The other *roobakaree* was to this effect that 2,500 of the Cavalry should be reduced and their full pay given to them excepting for such time as any of them had been absent without leave. It also advised the reduction of the Maharaja's expenses and of various establishments. I also desired that the Maharaja should be persuaded to make his appearance and preside when my Assistants go to Durbar. Dewan Deena Nath stated that the Ghorchurras had given a great deal of trouble. I directed him to put an end to it by ensuring their receiving their proper pay. Dewan Deena Nath informed me that Syud Meer

Shah had, at my recommendation, been appointed to the Kardarship of Bunnoo, Murwat, etc., on account of his activity and intelligence, and the people of his present *ilakah* being so well pleased with him.

2. "The Chiefs on their return consulted for some time on the *roobakarees* sent by the Resident, and then going to the Maharanee informed her of the arrangement for sending the Assistants to the Resident to Durbar, and for requesting the Maharaja to make his appearance. The Maharanee testified great pleasure at the arrangement."

3. "Sirdar Tej Singh and Dewan Deena Nath expressed dissatisfaction at the plan, saying that they had toiled from morning to night in the service of Government, and had given their attention without cessation to public matters. The Dewan complained that orders followed one another in such quick succession that it was most difficult to attend to them all." These "orders" refer to the *roobakarees* calling for information, returns of *jageeridars* and the army, and the celebrated "41-headed Nukshah" of the State expenses; all of which were indispensable to Government for the same reason that they are not willingly afforded by the Durbar—because they would put us in possession of the real state of affairs, and ever afterwards be a check upon speculation and jobbery.

7th July.

1. "Dewan Deena Nath on an examination of the balances due for the rubbee crop of 1904 found that 27 lakhs were as yet not paid up by the Kardars. Instructions were sent to them to send in the above amounts."

2. "Sirdar Chutter Singh, Attareewallah, was written to to set off without delay for Huzara." The health of this Sirdar has, I believe, very much improved lately.

3. Mr. Cocks accompanied by Mr. Bowring went in the morning to Durbar. The Maharaja made his appearance and gave specimens of his proficiency in writing to those gentlemen. Several cases pending before the Durbar authorities were disposed of by Mr. Cocks in Council with the Chiefs.

4. "Bukhshee Bhuggut Ram stated that a *perwanna* had been sent to Dewan Moolraj of Pind Dadun Khan instructing him to despatch

90,000 rupees for the payment of the army, but that the money had not been sent. *Perwannahs* were therefore issued on Mir Sahab Diyal directing him to send 25,700 rupees from Umritsur and drafts on the Motee Munder for 65,100 rupees."

5. "The Maharanee sent to say that she was greatly pleased that the Resident's Assistants had taken to visiting the Durbar, as it would be a means of restraining the presumption of the Durbar authorities."

6. "Rafe Kishen Chund, Vakeel, read two *roobakurrees* from the Resident,—one on the subject of Dewan Gunput Rae's refusal to proceed with Sirdar Lall Singh, Morareeah, notwithstanding his having agreed to do so, and recommending his dismissal; the other enquiring into the condition of the Artillery horses and the baggage camels in the regiments of Tara Singh and Richpal Singh, and desiring a statement of the number of camels used in these regiments. Dewan Gunput Rae, on being summoned, said that he was ready to go anywhere according to orders. Orders were given that a list of the horses and camels should be made out and despatched to the Resident."

8th July.

1. "A letter was received from Lieutenant Edwardes inquiring in what currency were the 13 lakhs of rupees which had been sent from Shikarpoor in the time of Maharaja Runjeet Singh and Konwur Nao Nihal Singh. Dewan Deena Nath proceeded to examine the records of the time of the said Maharaja." This refers to the Sindh tribute paid agreeably to the provisions of the Tripartite Treaty, upon the discount of which the shroffs of Lahore had given evidence to Lieutenant Edwardes while inquiring into the state of the Punjab currency for the information of Government.

2. "Meg Raj, Uthur Mull, and other dasturrees presented to Dewan Deena Nath a statement of the accounts of those districts of the Doaba which were in charge of Sirdars Lehna Singh and Runjore Singh. A deficiency of 10,000 rupees was found under the head of the Katgurreeah district. The Dewan instructed the dasturrees to cut this amount out of the *jageer* formerly belonging to the late Sirdar Tara Singh which had lapsed to Government and been appropriated by Sirdars Lehna Singh and Runjore Singh."

3. "News was received from Umrilaur that the whole country around was flooded, and impassable except by boats." Such seasonable rains have not fallen since Maharaja Shere Singh's time. Even the remotest and driest districts seem to have been visited by abundant showers.

4. "The village of Kala Afghan valued at 4,100 rupees was settled on the soldiers of Sirdar Kanh Singh, Man, in lieu of pay; and a *perwanna* was issued accordingly to Lala Teg Chund, the Kardar."

5. "An *urree* was received from Kurrum Singh, Thannadar of Ramunggur, stating that the ryots of that place were quite ruined through the oppression of the former Kardar and begging that satisfaction might be given to them; a *perwanna* was issued accordingly."

6. "Sirdar Tej Singh and Dewan Deena Nath said that the Resident was constantly directing the reduction of various items of expense. They observed that if any reduction were to be made in the establishment people would be irritated. Mool Singh stated that the Resident had ordered this reduction because the cases pending had not been decided by the Durbar authorities, and had consequently directed his Assistants to attend at Durbar. The Resident had further said that if by their means those cases were not settled he would himself go and have them decided."

9th July.

1. "Major Macgregor and Lieutenant Edwardes went to Durbar in the morning. Major Macgregor spoke about distributing pay to the troops regularly every month, which Sirdar Tej Singh said should be done as soon as enough money was collected in the Treasury. Major Macgregor then enquired about the pay of those Ghochurras now being discharged. The Durbar authorities stated that 16 months' pay was due to them, out of which however they had received 4 months' pay while in Bunnoo. They demanded pay for 13 months. Finally 12 months' pay was fixed as the proper balance due to them. Seven or eight other cases were brought forward by Major Macgregor and decided by the Durbar authorities in his presence, after which he and Lieutenant Edwardes quitted the Durbar." While Major Macgregor was deciding arrears of cases with the Durbar, Lieutenant Edwardes saw the little Maharajah write his daily copy, which he got through with facility and

good humour—when Lieutenant Edwardes pleased him very much by drawing two pictures of His Highness' favourite dog.

2. "Bukhshee Bhuggut Ram was ordered to see that the troops stationed at the various cantonments received their pay for the months of *Bysakh* and *Jaith* without delay."

3. "A *perwana* was sent to Dewan Moolraj, Nazim of Mooltan, reprimanding his Kardars for their misconduct in selling the property of Khudai Khan, Girangwallah, who had fled to Bhawalpoor, and taken up his abode there. The Dewan was instructed to recall him and give him satisfaction by restoring his property so as to induce him to remain in the Dewan's district."

10th July.

1. In the morning I attended Darbar in company with my Assistants. I enquired of Dewan Deena Nath whether the Ghorchurras had received their pay. He replied that pay for 16 months was due to them, and that this arrangement had been concluded in the presence of Major Macgregor and Lieutenant Edwardes. They had, however, received advances of pay for 4 months; consequently 12 months' pay remained. I asked what was the reason of the delay in bringing forward the Jullunder Doab accounts of Sheikh Enam-oo-deen? The Dewan said that they were nearly ready, but that the account of the district of Puchamar was not yet prepared. I enquired whether any clue had been received to the hiding-place of the Bhaze Maharaj? The Chiefs replied in the negative, but said it was believed that he had gone in the direction of Malwah. The Maharaja's writing lessons were as usual shown to me, when I said to him that I hoped he also read a little every day. He and those around him said he did. He then sent for the pictures drawn last Friday by Lieutenant Edwardes and seemed much pleased with them. With a reed pen he then scratched off several pictures of peacocks and men. He has a turn for mechanics and for drawing and writing, and is altogether a very intelligent and apparently well disposed boy. His manners are particularly good and his temper seems excellent. I hope that as he becomes accustomed to us, we will be able to teach him something; at present my main endeavour is to keep him from evil.

2 "The Attock Akhbar mentioned that Sirdar Chutter Singh had not started for Huzara, notwithstanding the orders he had received." He had not got very far to go, and probably did not leave his home at Bootah Pursalah till he heard of the troops having arrived. Sirdar Shere Singh, his son, this morning reported that Sirdar Chutter Singh had joined Lieutenant Nicholson.

3 "A *perwanna* was sent to Dewan Jowahir Mull directing him, if he wished to obtain the Kardarship of Dera Ismael Khan, to present a petition accordingly."

4. Copies of the following papers are herewith enclosed:—

No. 1—Pundit Kunhya Lal's Cashmere Diary from 1st to 7th June.

No. 2—Lieutenant Taylor's Diary from 14th to 20th June.

No. 3—Major G. Lawrence's Peshawur Diary from 20th to 26th June.

No. 4—Ditto Ditto from 26th June to 3rd July.

No. 5—Mr. Vans Agnew's Diary, on deputation to Gilgit, from 20th to 26th June.

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VISITS PAID AND RECEIVED.

29th June.

Sirdars Tej Singh, Shere Singh, Utter Singh, Kanh Singh, Man, Lehna Singh, Majeethia, and Golab Singh; Dewan Deena Nath; Bukhshee Bhuggut Ram; Fakeer Noor-oo-deen; Bukhshee Kunhiah Lall; Bhace Nidhan Singh; Bawa Mulhiyan Singh; Jowalla Singh, Man; Lall Singh, Morareeah; Urjun Singh, Rungurnungleah; Ram Singh, Moherwallah; Ruttun Chund, Dooggul; Ruttun Chund with the long beard; Ruttun Singh, Goorjakhea; Rajee Kishen Chund, Vakeel of the Lahore Government; Fakeer Chiragh-oo-deen; Ruttun Sain, Mundeewallah; Ram Singh, Chapa; Ummer Singh, Majeethia; Dewan Kishen, Konwur; Fakeer Zahoor-oo-deen; Misr Meg Raj; Nurrain Singh, Motbir of Sirdar Sham Singh; Jullai Khan, Bhuttee; Khooshee Ram, Vakeel of Sirdar Lehna Singh; Thakoor Dass, Dooggul; General Mehtab Singh; Mudud Khan, son of Ellahree Bukish of the Artillery; Golab Singh of the Artillery; Chunda Singh; Mool Singh, Vakeel of Sirdar Tej Singh; Bawa

Luchmun, Motber of Sirdar Lehna Singh ; Asanund, Vakeel of Mooltan ; Dewan Bysakha Singh ; Lalla Anunt Ram, Muchchoo ; Bhaee Ummeera, Danesheewallah ; Lalla Heeranund, Motber of Sirdar Shere Singh ; Kazee Mohkum-oo-deen, Vakeel of Maharaja Golab Singh ; Bhurrul Singh, Vakeel of Meer Shere Mohamed Khan, Scindhee.

30th June.

Sirdar Utter Singh, Kaleewallah ; Bukhshee Kunhiah Lall ; Gunesb Dass, Motber of Sirdar Utter Singh ; Dewan Ruttun Chund, Dooggul ; Bhurrul Singh, Vakeel of Shere Mahomed Khan, Sindhee ; Mool Singh, Vakeel of Sirdar Tej Singh.

1st July.

Lall Singh, Morareeah ; Sirdar Lungger Khan, Saheewallah ; Saheb Khan, Towanah ; Futteh Khan, Noon ; Mullick Shere Mahomed Khan, nephew of Futteh Khan, Towanah ; General Cortlandt, Poorun Chund, Motber of Sheikh Emam-oo-deen ; Dewan Ruttun Chund with the long beard, and his Motber Suddanund ; Raie Kishen Chund, Vakeel of the Lahore Government ; Dewan Deena Nath,

2nd July.

Saen Dass, Motber of Sirdar Shere Singh ; Kazee Mohkum-oo-deen, Vakeel of the Maharaja Golab Singh ; Raie Kishen Chund, Vakeel of the Lahore Government ; Bawa Luchmun Singh, Motber of Sirdar Lehna Singh.

3rd July.

Jowalla Singh, Man ; Radha Kishen, son of Mir Muddoosodun.

4th July—Sunday.

5th July.

Fakeer Nooroodeen ; Sirdar Shere Singh, together with his brother Aotar Singh ; Sirdar Utter Singh, Kaleewallah ; Lalla Choonnee Lall, Jummadar of Hurkaras ; Hookum Chund, Moonshee of Raie Kishen Chund ; Shah Newaz Khan, Kuttee Khail ; Abaizur Khan, Koondee ; Auzad Khan, uncle of Shah Newaz Khan ; Gholam Kasim Khan, Ulleezie Ullee Hoosain Khan, Suddozie ; and Shah Newaz Khan, Adozie ; Vakeels

Lalla Tahulmul and Roochee Ram; the Prince Sultan Jummal; Kaisra Singh, son of Chanda Singh, Futteh Ghurreeah.

6th July.

Sirdars Tej Singh and Shere Singh; Dewan Deena Nath; Fakeer Noor-oo-deen; Rale Kishen Chund; Sirdar Golab Singh; Sheikh Emam-oo-deen; Ruttan Chund with the long beard; Bawas Fakeer Bukhsh and Ameer Bukhsh; Sirdar Utter Singh; Shah Newaz Khan; Ullee Hoosain Khan; Bhace Ummeera, Danesheewallah; Jowala Singh, Man; Bawa Muhyeen Singh; Golab Singh; Bukhshee Bhuggut Ram; Ummer Singh, Majeethia; Sirdar Lehna Singh; Golab Singh, Bhagoowaleeah; General Mehtab Singh; Mudud Khan, son of Eliahee Bukhsh; Jullal Khan, Bhuttee; Ram Singh, Chapa; Mir Saheb Diyal; Ram Chund, Moherwallah; Kishen Konwur; Bukhshee Kunhiah Lall; Sirdar Kanh Singh, Koharreea; Mir Ummeer Chund; Goordutt Singh; and Mudh Singh, Majeethia; Dewans Gunput Rale and Daibee Sahale; Sirdars Lall Singh and Khooshyeal Singh, Morareeah; Bawa Luchmun Singh, Motber; Mool Singh, Vakeel; Ujjub Singh, Vakeel; Nurrain Singh, Motber of Sirdar Sham Singh; Pundit Sooruj Bhan.

7th July.

Mool Singh, Vakeel of Sirdar Tej Singh; Saheb Diyal.

8th July.

Saheb Khan, Towanah; Bhace Mukhkhon Singh, Grunthee; Lalla Rullea Ram.

9th July.

Lalla Asanund, Vakeel of Mooltan; Saendass, Mother of Sirdar Shere Singh; Mool Singh, Vakeel of Sirdar Tej Singh; Dewan Deena Nath; Moonshee Kunhiah Lall, Vakeel of Rajah Surroop Singh of Jeend-wallah.

10th July.

Lalla Anunt Ram, Muchchoo; Bawa Luchmun Singh, Mother of Sirdar Lehna Singh; Lall Singh, Morareeah, with Gopal Singh; Gunput, Dewan of Dera Ghorchurra Kulan; Shah Newaz Khan, Kuttee Khail; Mool Singh, Vakeel of Sirdar Tej Singh.

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Political Diary of the Agent, Governor-General, North-West Frontier, and Resident at Lahore, from the 11th to the 17th of July 1847.

SUMMARY OF PUNJAB INTELLIGENCE.

11th July.

1. "Devec Diyal, Kardar of Kadurabad, was summoned and asked why he had refused to obey the instructions conveyed in a *perwanna* of Mr. Cocks and why he had imprisoned a zemindar to whom it was given. He replied that the zemindar who brought the *perwanna* offered him impertinence in the presence of all the other zemindars and the officers of the Kutcherry. Sirdar Tej Singh said that he deserved to be punished. The Kardar repeated that the zemindar was impertinent, otherwise he would not have imprisoned him. Sirdar Tej Singh told him that his case would be referred to the Resident." As Devec Diyal's character is generally good, and this was his first offence, I forgave him; the trip to Lahore being a sufficient punishment.

2. "Shunker Nath, Vakeel, informed Dewan Deena Nath that 200 zemindars, chowdrees, shopkeepers, etc., had come to Lahore for the purpose of complaining against the oppression of Sirdar Heera Singh, and proposed that they should either receive compensation at once or as soon as they presented a petition to Mr. Cocks."

3. "A *roobakaree* from the Resident was received recommending a fine of 500 rupees to be imposed on Govind Sahaie, Kardar of Goozurat, for contempt of the authority of Sirdar Ram Singh, Chief Justice, and directing the Durbar to fine for the first offence all Kardars who shew disrespect to any of the judicial authorities, and for the second offence to dismiss the offending party. A fine was imposed accordingly. Another *roobakaree* was received concerning some soldiers of the Regular Force and also of the cantonment of Sirdar Kanb Singh, Majeethia, who had absented themselves from their regiments at Peshawur. *Perwannas* were addressed to the Bukhshee of the Regular troops and to Bukhshee Kunhya Lal directing them to order all soldiers absent from their corps to rejoin without delay."

4. "A *roobakaree* was received from the Resident stating that people were bought and sold at Peshawur and informing the Durbar of

the British Regulations on the subject. The Resident enquired as to the custom of the Lahore Government in the matter."

5. "The Rawul Pindee Akhbar was received stating that Lieutenant Nicholson had arrived there, and had enquired of Bhace Dull Singh, the Kardar of the place, as to the condition of the Fort, the number of houses and the state of trade, etc."

6. "The Huzara Akhbar stated that two companies of the Regiment of Bhoop Singh had entered the Fort, and that the Thanahs of Maharaja Golab Singh had been removed from the Forts of the various districts on the arrival of the troops of the Lahore Government. The Sirdars said that it was incumbent upon Sirdar Chutter Singh, Attareewallah, to proceed without delay to Huzara for the purpose of arranging the management of the country in conjunction with Captain Abbott and P. Vans Agnew, Esq." I find that Sirdar Shere Singh was premature in reporting his father's arrival some days ago; but a letter from Lieutenant Nicholson just received mentions that Sirdar Chutter Singh had really joined Captain Abbott.

12th July.

1. Dewan Deena Nath sent in the following list of balances due from the several undermentioned districts:—

| | Rs. |
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| For the district of Lahore | 10,03,170 |
| Umritsur | 85,000 |
| Rhotas | 1,10,000 |
| Pind Dadun Khan | 4,18,000 |
| Goorurat | 1,40,199 |
| Wuzeerahad | 1,95,900 |
| Secalkote | 2,33,114 |
| Attok | 65,000 |

2. "Bukhishee Bhuggut Ram was reprimanded for his neglect in not having paid the troops their pay for the months of *Baisakh* and *Jaith*. In reply he said that every cantonment should be paid in the course of fifteen days."

3. "The Umritsur Akhbar stated that Bhace Purdoomun Singh was committing oppression and that he had imprisoned one of his own workmen. A *perwanna* was sent to Juhmul Singh, Thanadar of Umritsur,

directing him to reprimand the Bhacee and release the person imprisoned by him."

4. "Raie Kishen Chund stated that the Resident was constantly asking for the maps which had been ordered to be prepared throughout the country. Fresh orders were accordingly sent to the Kardars."

5. "In accordance with the Resident's *roobakaree*, a *perwanna* was sent to Gobind Sahaie, Kardar of Goozurat, directing him to send an account of the reason of his impertinence to Sirdar Ram Singh and at the same time mulcting him in 500 rupees. Kishen Lall, his Vakeel, was informed of the fine imposed and was told that on repetition of such an offence Gobind Sahaie would lose his appointment."

6. "Shadee Lall has written to beg that magazine stores for the troops in Huzara be sent without delay as Captain Abbott is looking into the matter. A list was enclosed of the stores required. Sirdar Tej Singh having inspected the indent sent Gunput Raie an order to comply with it, and forward the articles to Huzara with all despatch."

13th July.

1. Durbar was held at Anarkullee. Devec Diyal, the offending Kardar of Kadurabad, arrived and presented himself. I told him that his offence this time was forgiven, but that if he again transgressed he would be dismissed. I stated to the Durbar that with respect to the 8 men who had been convicted of murder, etc., etc., and whom the Sirdars had sentenced to be hung, I thought the execution of the sentence should be carried out on the morrow, in which case it would be better that a regiment of the Regular Troops and 500 Cavalry should be in attendance to keep the ground clear. I enquired how many men of Sirdar Kanh Singh Majeethia's Cavalry were absent from their Regiment at Peshawur, and how many of Sirdar Lall Singh Kalawalla's Regiment from their cantonment at Nowlukah. Utter Singh replied that about 105 of the former were absent and that he would inform me how many of the latter, after looking at his papers. I asked who had been selected as Sirdar Lall Singh Morareea's Deputy? Dewan Deena Nath recommended Sodhee Nihal Singh as a fitting person, and he was accordingly appointed. I again requested to know when the *jageer* papers would be ready? Dewan Deena Nath replied for the fiftieth time that they were nearly finished and would soon be sent in. I spoke

to Sirdar Kanh Singh, Man, on the subject of his dilatoriness in deciding cases pending in his court and urged him to increased exertion. I advised him to decide as many of his arrear cases as he could at Darbar on Friday, the 16th, in the presence of Major Macgregor, and said that cases pending before Sirdar Lehna Singh should be decided in the same manner on Monday before Mr. Cocks.

2. "Orders were given to Jugut Singh, Man, Sirdar Uter Singh, Kalawalla, and other officers to attend with 500 horsemen on the morrow at the place of execution; and General Cortlandt was instructed to take command of half of Ajoodhea Pershad's Regiment and half of General Golab Singh's Regiment and to be present to keep the ground."

3. "An *urree* was received from Dewan Jowahir Mull protesting against the charges brought against him by the zemindars of his district and accusing them of false complaints. A *perwanna* was addressed to him ordering him to collect a moderate amount of revenue from the zemindars and informing him that the charges brought against him would be investigated by Mr. Cocks."

4. "Devee Diyal was told that he might consider himself very fortunate in escaping punishment. He acknowledged his good fortune and then begged that some reduction might be made in the rents of Kadurabad. He was informed that Mr. Cocks would be consulted on the subject." This alludes to the proposed revenue settlement entrusted to that gentleman.

5. "Sirdar Ram Singh sent an *urree* requesting that his troops might receive their pay. He was told that they had already received the whole of their pay up to *Phagun* and that they would be paid the remainder at the same time as other troops."

17th July.

1. "Miser Sahab Diyal complained that the zemindars of Kaloowal refused to pay the proper amount of revenue due by them and stated that they would abscond if it were demanded from them, as they had been in the habit of paying only half this sum."

2. "Intelligence was received that Sirdar Heera Singh has not as yet given up the two guns in his possession. A stringent order was sent to Jowahir Mull directing him to take possession of these guns immediately and to deposit them in the Fort of Attok."

3. "Mr. Cocks attended the Durbar and spoke concerning the impertinence offered by Gobind Sahale, Kardar of Goozurat, to Sirdar Ram Singh, Jellawalla. The Durbar replied that a fine of 500 rupees had been imposed on him in accordance with the Resident's directions. Several long-standing cases were disposed of by Mr. Cocks in the presence of the Durbar, after which he took leave."

4. "An *urree* was received from Buxshee Umreck Raie stating that Buxshee Bhuggut Ram commenced life in Runjeet Singh's time on 7 rupees a day, and now he and his family between them are getting 30,000 rupees a year. For the last 7 years he has had the payment of the Regular Army and never rendered any account. If his accounts are audited he will be found indebted in lakhs of rupees to the Government."

5. "The Sirdars stated that if the sum of money due by Sheikh Emam-oo-deen were demanded of him, some lakhs of rupees might be paid up to the British Government. Raie Kishen Chund was instructed to go to the Resident and speak about this; and was also directed to state that 25 lakhs of rupees would be required of the Kardars for the purpose of paying the troops."

6. "Early in the morning eight prisoners who had been sentenced to death were hung in the presence of Major Macgregor. The troops were in attendance according to orders."

15th July.

1. "Raie Kishen Chund stated that the Resident had directed him to ascertain whether there were enough money in the Treasury to pay the troops. Dewan Deena Nath said that orders had been sent to the Kardars, but the zemindars of the various districts instead of paying their rents keep coming in to make complaints against the Kardars. Thirteen lakhs were required to pay all the troops for the months of *Assarh* and *Sawan*. The Dewan said the only way was to send elephants to Jullunder, as advised by the Resident, to bring in the money due by the Sheikh, now sequestered in the British Treasury. Sirdar Tej Singh said he thought the Resident was quite right in wishing first to pay the troops. Elephants were in the end ordered to be sent to Jullunder and Misr Meg Raj was instructed to depute a trustworthy person to bring the treasure."

2. "Sirdar Tej Singh said that if the 4 or 5 lakhs due by Mistr Ameer Chund and the 4 or 5 lakhs by Teg Chund were demanded from them, the Durbar might with this, in addition to the sum of 25 lakhs to be sent in by the Kardars, pay in part the dues of the British Government."

3. "Sirdar Lall Singh, Morarkeah, requested that the same number of Sowars might be allotted to him as had been allotted to the other judicial authorities, Sirdars Ram Singh and Kanh Singh, Man, and that *jageers* might be given to the Sowars. The Durbar said that his request should be complied with."

4. "Intelligence was received that the Ranees of Maharaja Shere Singh were quarrelling among themselves."

5. "A reduction of 42,000 rupees was made in the rents in the district of Kadurabad, and Devec Diyal, Kardar, was instructed so to demean himself in future that he might not fall under the displeasure of the Sirkar."

6. "Sirdar Kanh Singh, Man, complained that Golab Khan, Thanadar of Dodah, had resisted the order of his Court by laying hold of some zemindars whom the Sirdar had sent for. A *dustuk* of 20 rupees was accordingly imposed on the Thanadar."

7. "A *perwanna* was sent to Bhaee Dull Singh, Kardar of Rawul Pindee, directing him to give all requisite information to Mr. Nicholson concerning the estates, *jageers*, etc., of his district. He was instructed to state that the revenue which had been successively 2,50,000 and 1,35,000 rupees had been fixed by Kishen Konwur at 2,17,000, which had been reduced by 13,000 rupees to its present amount. He was also directed to give each zemindar a statement of the sum leviable on him and to mention to Mr. Nicholson the names of all those who refused to pay their rents."

8. "A *perwanna* was issued in the name of Mistr Meg Raj directing him to realize without further delay the 22,000 rupees still due from the Kardar of Goozurat, who had as yet only paid Rupees 10,000 out of 32,000 due by him on the rubbee crop of his district."

9. "An *urree* was received from Colonel Bahadoor Singh stating that he had been put in possession of the Fort of Hurkishengurh, and had

detached four companies of his regiment to Manserah, retaining 4 companies at Hurkishengurh according to directions received from Captain Abbott."

10. "The Ranees of Maharajah Shere Singh are said to have been all seduced by their own servants, who, not content with that, do nothing but foment disputes between the said Ranees, and have also effected a quarrel between Koonwur Deva Singh and Koonwur Shiv Deo Singh. It is these servants who have instigated the Ranees to press their claims for larger dowry so obstinately on the Resident."

11. "The Maharanee is reported to have at present the following lovers:—Jeewun Singh; Sahro, Master of the Horse; Hurdial, Jemadar; and Sheodut Raie, Dufteree. Although the Maharanee receives a lakh-and-a-half from Government for her expenses, yet she obtains all her kitchen expenses from Bhaie Hurree Singh, Receiver of Customs at Lahore." That Bhaie Hurree Singh supplies her kitchen is true, but I have ordered the same to be paid out of the lakh-and-a-half.

16th July.

1. Major Macgregor and Captain Edwardes attended Durbar in the morning. Major Macgregor brought forward 14 cases of old standing which the members of the Durbar could not be got to settle, but which were this day satisfactorily decided.

17th July.

1. Major Macgregor, Captain Edwardes and Mr. Bowring attended Durbar. Captain Edwardes enquired on the part of the Resident the reason of the delay in preparing the 41-column statement and advised a distribution of the various headings among several members of the Durbar. Captain Edwardes said that the Resident was very desirous to get the *jageer* papers sent in, to which Dewan Deena Nath replied that they would be ready in a few days. The Dewan said that there were Durbars on so many days of the week and there was so much work to get through that there was no time for preparing all the statements called for. Major Macgregor enquired about the case of Lahora Singh, convicted of the murder of Mootsuddee Mull. Raie Kishen Chund stated that as the defendant was 70 years old, the Pundit had advised

that he should only be imprisoned for life, but the Resident had said that he should be hung." It is not the numerous Durbars that the Dewan finds so inconvenient, but the attendance of my assistants, whom I now send twice a week to force the arrears of justice through the Courts.

2. "On receipt of a *roobakaree* from the Resident, *perwannas* were sent to the Kardars informing them that steamers were coming up the rivers Ravee and Indus, and directing them to provide all necessary supplies of wood, etc."

3. "Raie Kishen Chund stated that the Resident had sent a *roobakaree* concerning the soldiers whose regiments were stationed at Peshawur and who were staying at Lahore without leave. Sirdar Tej Singh issued an order that no pay should be given to any of them at Lahore, but that they should be informed that they would receive it on their return to Peshawur, and if any of them did not join their Corps their names would be struck off."

4. "From the account of Sodhee Nihal Singh it appeared that he was indebted in the sum of 36,802 rupees to Government: on being ordered to pay up, he stated that Hakim Raie was acting in the Kardarship, and that he did not owe anything. *Perwannas* were issued accordingly directing him to pay up."

5. "Misr Meg Raj was sent to Jullunder to bring the sum of money due by Sheikh Enam-oo-deen."

6. Copies of the following documents are herewith enclosed:—

No. 1—Major G. Lawrence's Peshawur Diary from 4th to 10th instant.

No. 2—Lieutenant Taylor's Cashmere Diary from 21st to 27th ultimo.

No. 3—Mr. P. Sandys Melville's Cashmere Diary from 29th June to 4th July.

No. 4—Mr. P. A. Vans Agnew's Diary, on deputation to Gilgit, from 27th June to 3rd July.

No. 5—Major G. Lawrence's Peshawur Diary from 11th to 17th instant.

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VISITS PAID AND RECEIVED.

*11th July—Sunday.**12th July.*

Fakeer Noor-oo-deen; Saendass, Mother of Sirdar Shere Singh; Meean Umaid Singh, Bhuddoowalla; Moulvee Mahomed Hunneef, inhabitant of Bhagulpore; Sahebzada; Juswunt Singh, Kadrabadee; Rajah Futteh Khan, Dangleefur, Kuckhur, Phurwallah (*sic*); Raie Kishen Chund, Vakeel of the Lahore Government; Sirdar Jeewun Singh, Toshakhaneeah of the above Government.

13th July.

Sirdars Tej Singh and Shere Singh; Dewan Deena Nath; Sirdar Utter Singh, Kaleewallah; Bawa Fakeer Bukhs, Dehrahwalla; Sirdar Sirdool Singh; Bawa Muhiyan Singh; Mistr Saheb Dyal; Sirdar Punjab Singh, son of Sirdar Hurree Singh, Nulwah; Sirdar Lehna Singh, Majeethia; Fakeers Surraj-oo-deen and Cheeragh-oo-deen; Ruttun Chund, Dooggul; Ujjub Singh, Vakeel of Sirdar Kanh Singh; Khooshee Ram, Vakeel of Sirdar Lehna Singh, Majeethia; Dewan Busakha Singh; Lalla Annunt Ram, Muchchoo; Fakeer Noor-oo-deen; General Mehtab Singh, with his father General Ummer Singh; Ruttun Sain, Mundeewalla; Ram Chund, Mohurwallah; Devce Dyal, Kardar of Kadurabad, made his appearance and was forgiven; Bukhshee Bhuggut Ram, Jeewun Singh, grandson of Sirdar Sham Singh, Attareewallah, and his son Kanh Singh; Mool Singh, Vakeel of Sirdar Tej Singh; Narain Singh, Vakeel of Sirdar Sham Singh, Attareewallah; Sirdar Jowalla Singh, Man; Ruttun Chund with the long beard; Shah Newaz Khan, Ullly Hoosain Khan and Ghoolam Hoosain Khan, jageerdars of Bunnoo Tank; Golab Singh, Bhagoowallah; Bawa Luchmun Singh, Mother of Sirdar Lehna Singh; Muddud Khan, son of Ellahee Buksh of the Artillery; Bhaie Ummeera, Deoreewallah; Mistr Ummeer Chund; Sirdar Kanh Singh, Kohareeah; Kanh Chund, Khaiewallah; Nezam-ood-dowlah, Vuzier of the late Shah Shoojah-ool-moolk, now the well-wisher of the British Government.

14th July.

Aukhoon Fuzzul Ullly, Mother of the Nawab of Dera Ismael Khan; Ghoolam Kasim Khan, Tankwalla; Saheb Khan, Towanah; Sahebzada;

Juswunt Singh, Kadrabadee; Ram Singh, Gosaen, of the Ghorchurrah Kulan; Kazee Mohkum-oo-deen, Vakeel of the Maharaja Golab Singh; Teeka Ausaib-oolah Khan, son of Raja Anker Khan of Ruj-jowlee; Mool Singh, Vakeel of Sirdar Tej Singh; Misr Saheb Diyal; Sirdar Sirdool Singh; Bhurrul Singh, Vakeel of Meer Shere Mahomed Khan, Sindhee.

15th July.

Saendass, Motber of Sirdar Shere Singh, Attareewallah; Goordut Singh, son of Colonel Kanh Singh, who is at Peshawur; Raie Kishen Chund, Vakeel of the Lahore Government; Dewan Deena Nath; Khooshee Ram, Vakeel of Sirdar Lehna Singh; Pundit Radha Kishen.

16th July—None.

17th July.

Saendass, Motber of Sirdar Shere Singh; Kazee Mohkum-oo-deen, Vakeel of Maharajah Golab Singh; Raie Kishen Chund, Vakeel of the Lahore Government; Mool Singh, Vakeel of Sirdar Tej Singh.

(Sd.) H. M. LAWRENCE,

Agent, G.-G., N.-W. F., and Resident at Lahore.

Political Diary of the Agent, Governor-General, North-West Frontier, and Resident at Lahore, from the 18th to the 24th July 1847.

SUMMARY OF PUNJAB INTELLIGENCE.

18th July.

1. "An *urree* was received from Colonel Bahadoor Singh stating that he had marched from Huzara and Manserah according to Captain Abbott's directions, and had left detachments of his regiment in the various forts of the district."

2. "The Panches of Umritsur sent an *urree* requesting that Jeewun Singh might be reinstated in his office. In reply they were informed

that he had been dismissed in consequence of his allowing the Bhaice Maharaj to escape, but that if he succeeded in reapprehending the Bhaice, he would be restored to his appointment."

3. "Great disputes are said to take place between the Ranees Koonwur Dewa Singh and Koonwur Shahdeo Singh" (*sic*).

19th July.

1. "Lala Ram Chund brought to Sirdar Tej Singh for signature the *perwannas* for reducing the rents of Kadurabad and for fixing the expenses of the Kardar. The Sirdar said that he approved of the revenue having been lessened, but was unwilling to give his agreement to raise the pay of the Kardar, which he thought ought to be cut down."

2. "On Humra, Moonshee, bringing some *perwannas*, which had been written under Dewan Deena Nath's instructions, to Sirdar Tej Singh to sign, the Sirdar directed Mool Singh to make him acquainted with their contents, after which his signature should be affixed, and said that in future he would sign no *perwanna* without knowing what it was about."

3. "Sirdar Heera Singh had an interview with the Ranees, who begged him to remain constantly near her."

4. The officers of Sirdar Heera Singh's artillery who had been dismissed demanded their pay. Bukhshee Bhuggut Ram was directed to pay them and send them away, as their services were not required.

5. "Sirdar Dhurm Singh was directed to confiscate immediately on receipt of the *perwanna* addressed to him the shares held in *jageers* by the following Rajahs—

- (1) Must Khan; (2) Sooltan Ali Khan; (3) Jaffir Ali Khan; (4) Hyder Khan; (5) Murdanah Khan and Mahomed Khan; (6) Abdool Ruhinan Khan; (7) Yasoo Khan; (8) Dadah Khan;

and to make over to them instead the shares of mouzas which they held in the time of Sham Singh, Attareewallah."

6. "On Dewan Deena Nath making his appearance, Sirdar Tej Singh enquired what progress was being made in the 41-Column Statement. The Dewan replied that it was half finished."

7. "Dewan Deena Nath asked Sirdar Tej Singh what objection he had to signing the *perwannas* addressed to Devec Diyal, Kardar of Kadurahad. The Sirdar immediately signed them."

8. "An *urree* was received from Jowahir Mull accepting the Kardarship of Derah Ismael Khan. It was proposed to appoint Dewan Debee Dutta, brother of Sonaha Mull, to the Kardarship of Saiwal and Mungoo-wal in lieu of Jowahir Mull, but Sirdar Tej Singh said it would be better to refer it to the Resident."

9. "Rate Kisben Chund asked what answer should be sent to the Resident in the case of Gobind Sahale, Kardar of Goozurat. Sirdar Tej Singh said that since his quarrel with Sirdar Rant Singh had been made up it would be better to send the agreement of both parties to the Resident. A *perwanna* was issued accordingly in the name of the Kardar, informing him that since he had sent in a *razeenamah* the fine of 500 rupees would not be imposed."

10. "General Cortlandt gave information that a soldier of his regiment had wounded in several places a dancing girl, and, from fear of the result to himself, had committed suicide. The girl though severely wounded had recovered. The General was directed to send a summary of the case, and also to send a soldier of his regiment accused of murdering a workman. The General said that it had been reported to him that the soldier was accompanying two coolies whom he had employed to carry a log of wood to the cantonment and that the log slipping had fallen upon one of the men and killed him. A *soorut-hal* was ordered to be sent."

20th July.

1. "Dewan Bishen Singh was directed to send in as soon as possible the rents of the districts of Jural and Runjeetgurrh for the rubbee crop of 1904."

2. "A *roohakaree* was received from the Resident remonstrating with the Durbar for not having as yet sent in the *jageer* papers."

3. "A *perwanna* was sent to Dewan Moolraj, Nazim of Pind Dadun Khan, informing him that the zemindars of Kuhookat in his district had come to Lahore for the purpose of complaining of the amount of revenue levied on them. The Dewan was instructed to give them satisfaction."

21st July.

1. "Ten cases pending before the Durbar were decided by them in Mr. Cock's presence."

2. "Bala Mull, Kardar, sent an *urzer* stating that he could not collect the revenue without the aid of Sowars. 25 Sowars were ordered to be despatched to him."

3. "In accordance with a *roobukatee* received from the Resident proclamations were sent to the Kardars, jageerdars and other Government officials prohibiting infanticide, *sultre* and dealing in slaves, and making them punishable offences."

4. "The Huzara Akhbar mentioned that Sirdar Chatter Singh, Attareewala, had arrived there and had had an interview with Captain Abbott."

5. "Mool Singh informed Sirdar Tej Singh that the Resident was displeased with the Durbar for not having acted according to his directions in the case of Ursala Khan and for their delay in sending to him the 41-Column Statement and the *jageer* papers. The Sirdar said that he was willing to act entirely according to the Resident's advice."

6. "A quarrel is said to have taken place between Dewan Moolraj Nazim of Mooltan, and Kurum Nurayun, his brother." This quarrel is of very old standing, ever since the old Dewan died. Moolraj considers that as eldest son the property is his, Kurum Nurayun claims they say more than a younger brother's share.

22nd July.

1. "By the Peshawur Akhbar it appeared that Major George Lawrence had enquired how much money was required for the pay of the Rangoles, when it was found that 6,000 rupees were owing to them. This sum was ordered to be disbursed from the treasury."

2. The Huzara Akhbar stated that Sirdar Chatter Singh, Attareewala, was busily engaged in arranging the affairs of his district, and that there was no doubt that by his and Captain Abbott's united exertions the country would be brought into good order. Captain Abbott sent instructions that all Government officials should be prohibited from levying taxes for the space of two months, from the beginning of *Sawan* to the end of

Bladon. Instructions were sent accordingly to Sirdar Chutter Singh, Bhai Dull Singh and Sirdar Dhurm Singh, Kardar of Kulroturalce and Sukhookee."

3. "In the Rawul Pindee Akhbar it was stated that Nurayun Singh had not yet arrived there and that Bishen Singh had made great delay on the road, which he had accounted for by saying that he could not proceed from want of camels, which were being made use of by the Kardars of Rothas and Goozurat. On receipt of the Akhbar an order was passed dismissing Nurayun Singh from service, and *perwannas* were sent to the Kardars of Rothas and Goozurat reprimanding them for being the cause of delay to Bishen Singh."

4. "A *roohakharce* was received from the Resident directing the Durbar to appoint some trustworthy person to carry all *urzees*, *perwannas* and other orders from the Durbar to the Resident, and *vice versa*."

5. "Bhai Dull Singh, Kardar of Rawulpindee, was instructed to report to Dewan Ujoodhya Pursad the case of the zemindars of his district, who had professed themselves satisfied with the amount of revenue levied on them and had subsequently refused to pay."

23rd July.

1. "Major Macgregor and Captain Edwardes attended at Durbar. Major Macgregor asked whether the regular troops would receive their pay by the 15th *Sawun*. Sirdar Tej Singh replied that they would be paid for the months of *Baisakh* and *Jaith* by that time. The case of the murder of Kashee Ram was brought forward by Major Macgregor, when out of the three defendants one was sentenced to be hung, another to be imprisoned for life, and the third to be imprisoned for the space of seven years. 125 rupees were ordered to be given to Deen Diyal, Thanadar of Lahore, for his activity in apprehending the prisoners. A few other cases were decided by the Durbar authorities, after which Major Macgregor took leave."

2. "The slave girl Mungla, who has just returned from a pilgrimage to Hindoosthan, had an interview with the Ranee on her arriving at Lahore."

3. "A *perwanna* was addressed to Bhai Dull Singh, Kardar of Rawulpindee, directing him to investigate the case of Deba Singh,

accused of abduction of a Brahmunee, and also the case of a man reported to have murdered his daughter."

24th July.

1. "Dewan Deena Nath presented for signature several *roobakarees* in answer to *roobakarees* sent by the Resident. The Sirdars after hearing their contents signed them."

2. In the morning I went to Durbar with my Assistants. Dewan Deena Nath said that the Kardars just appointed to the districts of Derah Ismael Khan and Tank Bunnoo would be ordered to present themselves before me in the course of the day. I informed the Dewan that these Kardars were to place themselves under General Cortlandt's orders, and requested the Durbar to send me the regulations which were drawn up for the management of the district of Derah Ismael Khan. I directed the Durbar to present to Rancee Bhooroe a *jageer* of the value of 2,100 rupees instead of the one belonging to her in the Doab which has been confiscated. I enquired of Bukhishree Bhuggut Ram whether the troops stationed at the various cantonments had been paid. He replied that the regular troops had been paid for the months of *Baisakh* and *Jaith*. The Sirdars said that the Cavalry would be paid according to custom.

3. Motee Ram, Vakeel, stated that the Kardars appointed for the settlement of the Huzara district had not yet arrived, and that one of them was still in Lahore. The Kardar was ordered to set off immediately, and an intimation of his appointment was sent to Sirdar Clutter Singh, Attareewala.

4. Copies of the following papers are herewith enclosed:—

No. 1—Captain J. Abbott's Boundary Journal from 21st to 30th ultimo.

No. 2—Captain J. Abbott's Boundary Journal from 1st to 12th instant.

No. 3—Mr. Melville's Cashmere Diary from 4th to 10th instant.

No. 4—Lieutenant Taylor's Cashmere Diary from 4th to 11th instant.

No. 5—Major Lawrence's Peshawur Diary from 18th to 24th instant.

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VISITS PAID AND RECEIVED.

19th July.

Fakeer Noor-oo-deen; Sirdars Shere Singh, Aotar Singh, and Utter Singh, Kaleewallah; Asanund, Vakeel of Mooltan; Bhurrul Singh, Vakeel of Meer Shere Mahomed Khan, Sindhee; Sirdar Lall Singh, Nabhawallah.

20th July.

Sirdar Lehna Singh; Golab Singh, Bhagoowalleah; Bawa Fakeer Buksh, Dehrawallah, and Bhaie Mukhun Singh, Grunthee; Lala Anunt Ram, Muchchoo; Mahmood Khan and Doolee Ram, Mothers of Mukhdoom Shah Mahmood, inhabitant of Mooltan; Sirdar Kanh Singh, son of Sham Singh, and Jeon Singh, the grandson of the latter; Lala Poochoo Mull, Mother of Dewan Dowlut Ram of Dera Ismael Khan.

21st July.

Saen Dass, Mother of Sirdar Shere Singh, with Bukhshee Jowahir Mull; Ram Dass, Dufutree, Peshoreah, with his son Ujjeet Singh; Narain Singh, Mother of Sirdar Sham Singh; Mool Singh, Vakeel of Sirdar Tej Singh; Misr Meg Raj, Toshakhaneah; Shahzada Sooltan Jummal.

22nd July.

Saen Dass, Mother of Sirdar Shere Singh, with Jowahir Mull, Bukhshee; Fakeer Zahoorooddeen—to show Maharajah's writing. Raie Kishen Chund, Vakeel of Sirdar Tej Singh; Moonshee Suddanund, Mother of Ruttun Chund with the long beard.

23rd July.

Kazee Mohkumooddeen, Vakeel of Maharajah Golab Singh; Saen Dass, Mother of Sirdar Shere Singh; and Bukhshee Jowahir Mull.

24th July.

Fakeer Zahoorooddeen—to show Maharajah's writing. Raie Kishen Chund, Vakeel of the Lahore Government; Ram Singh, Kardar of

Luddheewallah; Shaikh Ghoolam Hussun, Kardar of Kuchchee; Ummeer Chund, Kardar of Gurrang; Jaimull Singh, Kardar of Khooshaub and Mitta Towannah; Waris Khan, Thanaadar of Tank; Misrs Ruleez Ram and Sahib Diyal; Goormookh Singh, Vakeel of the said Misrs.

25th July—Sunday.

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Political Diary of the Agent, Governor-General, North-West Frontier, and Resident at Lahore, from the 25th to the 31st of July 1847.

SUMMARY OF PUNJAB INTELLIGENCE.

25th July.

1. "Zeman Khan, confidant of Futteh Khan, informed Dewan Deena Nath that his master would pay within the space of seven days the sum of two lacs of rupees. On the Dewan sending to Futteh Khan to ascertain the truth of this, he stated that a lac-and-a-half was on its way from Jummo and that his son Muluk Shere Mahomed Khan would send the remaining half lac from his home. He wrote an agreement to this effect which was brought to the Dewan, who sent it to Sirdar Tej Singh. The Sirdar said that Futteh Khan had been imprisoned for four months, and that if he really had wished to pay he would have done so before. He consequently considered Futteh Khan's agreement as not much to be relied on." The Sirdar is quite right.

2. "A *roobakaree* was received from the Resident complaining of the neglect of the Darbar in not appointing a confidential person to accompany Mr. Nicholson and of the misconduct of Bhaie Soorjun Singh, Bhaie Dull Singh and Bhaie Mahoon Singh, in not attending to that gentleman's *perwannahs*. Directions were sent to these Kardars to obey Mr. Nicholson's directions."

3. "News was received that Sodhee Nihal Singh had gone off to the Attock Doab without paying up 36,000 rupees due by him on account of former balances for the districts of Mitta Towanah and Noorpoor. An order was sent to him directing him to pay this amount immediately."

4. "The Huzara Akhbar stated that Sirdar Chutter Singh, Attareewala, was doing his best for the improvement of the country."

5. "By the Rawulpindee Akhbar it appeared that two or three murders had taken place in the vicinity of that place, and that the zemindars had in some cases obstinately refused to pay the revenue demanded from them. Of the soldiers stationed in the fort of Khootalah, 3 Hindoos and 3 Mussalmans had been killed."

6. "Sirdar Lall Singh, Morareeah, sent an *urree* stating that Futteh Khan, Ghebah, had informed him in a very humble *urree* that he would pay the Government demand without hesitation. The Sirdar had directed Raj Roop, Kardar of Khuchee, first to send one of his Tuhseeldars to demand the sum due by Futteh Khan, and stated that in case of the latter's refusing to pay he would despatch a body of Cavalry to enforce payment."

7. "A *jageer* valued at 2,100 rupees was made over to Ranee Bhooree in lieu of the *jageer* of the same value lately belonging to her in the Doab, which had been confiscated."

8. "The common rumour and topic of conversation among high and low in the city is that the European soldiers have got two months' leave given them, and that they are to be allowed to do just as they like, which has caused great apprehensions for the women; and all the courtizans are now busy in removing and concealing their jewels. A second report is that the Resident is going up to Simla and some other Sahib is coming to Lahore in his place, when all the ministers will be seized and confined."

26th July.

1. "The slave-girl Mungla asked the Ranee what fault Raja Lall Singh had committed that he had been removed from Lahore. The Ranee replied, why do you grieve my heart thus? My separation from the Raja has inflicted a wound on my heart, and from that hour I have found no pleasure in food or in sleep, in dress or in ornaments. But what has occurred has taken place through the will of fate."

2. "Dewan Deena Nath stated that the sum of 4,000 rupees was due by Bukhshee Goor Narayun on account of the district of Khan-poor, and that it was likely he would try to evade payment. On being sent for he said that the sum should be paid, but prayed for a reduction which was refused."

3. "The Umritsur Akhbar stated that Major Mainwaring, who was residing in the Rambag, went to visit the temple of Harimundir. On being requested to take off his shoes before entering into the holy place, he refused to do so, and, accompanied by two *chuprassees* with their shoes on also, went forward. Juhmul Singh, Thannadar of Umritsur, together with the Kotwal, approached him and said that there was an order from the Governor-General and the Resident that no one should enter the holy place without taking off his shoes. Major Mainwaring however got angry and refused to obey the order. The Sirdars, on hearing the Akhbar, expressed great surprise at the Governor-General's injunctions being disregarded, and directed that the Akhbar should be sent to the Resident for orders." I have had a great deal of trouble in investigating this affair. Major Mainwaring and Captain Kayvett think themselves as much aggrieved as the priests of the temple; and the whole thing turns on the construction to be put on the orders which, engraved on a brass tablet in three languages, were given by me to the priests for their protection. The tablet certainly only says that persons are not to enter the Durbar Sahib with their shoes on, and a lawyer might possibly rule it that this meant only the temple itself and not its precincts; but the tablet further directs that the priests are not to be molested; and therefore I should have thought it might have been clear to any sensible person that the spirit of the orders was to exclude all strangers from the holy ground (wherever the priests considered it to begin), unless they chose to comply with those forms and ceremonies which the priests prescribed to save the object of their veneration from disrespect. I shall take care so to alter the tablet as to admit of no quibbling, and shall report to Government the first officer who infringes the rule. The Thannadar and Priests say that the officers were entreated not to move along the edge of the tank with their shoes on; but this the officers stoutly deny, and declare that they were neither warned nor checked in any way on their first visit, but that on going again next day, they were hooted and insulted. The fact of their

making a second visit shows that they were unaware of giving offence; but as it is almost impossible to suppose that the Thannadar and Priests said nothing on the first occasion, I can only reconcile the contradictory statements by supposing that Major Mainwaring of the Commissariat, Captain Koyvett, 38th N. I., and Lieutenant Dickens, Interpreter of the 38th N. I., did not understand what was said to them. I never before heard of any individual going beyond the corner of the great tank with his shoes on, unless stockings were drawn over them.

4. "Dewan Deena Nath said that the *jageer* papers should be ready in a week, and hoped they would satisfy the Resident."

5. "The Kardars of Derah Ismael Khan, Tank Bunnoo, etc., presented themselves and received *khillats* of investment."

6. "A *perwanna* was sent to Dewan Dowlut Rai informing him that the management of the districts of Derah Ismael Khan, Bunnoo, Lukce, Murwt, Kuchee, Noorpoor, etc., had been made over to General Cortlandt, and directing him to transfer these districts to the General from the commencement of the khureef crop of 1904."

7. "Sobha Ram, Kardar of Rujarkee, presented some plans of his district, which were ordered to be sent to the Resident."

8. "The Vakeel of Tej Singh, Furwalla, made a complaint that the Rancee had imprisoned his master and his attendants without any fault on their part. The Durbar said that they would enquire of Bhaic Ameer Buksh what had taken place."

9. "Dewan Deena Nath recommended that all Akhbars and *urzees* from the Kardars and Nazims, together with the answers to them, should be sent to the Resident by means of Sudanund, a Moonshee of Rutun Chund of the long beard, and that all diaries and *perwannas* should be presented to the Resident on Durbar days."

10. "Rae Kishen Chund said that he had shown to the Resident the agreement of Puteh Khan, Towanah, to pay up the sum of two lacs, but that the Resident had expressed doubts whether he would really do so." My doubts were justified, for he has not yet produced the money, though he shows a draft from Sirdar Chutter Singh, Attareewalah, for Rupees 50,000, and declares that Maharajah Golab Singh has given him another for a similar amount.

27th July.

1. "The Rancee's Gooroo, Gungagur, with several fukeers had an interview with her."

2. Durbar was held at Anarkullee. Dewan Deena Nath said that the instructions for the management of Derah Ismael Khan would be sent to me through Raie Kishun Chund. I asked whether any revenue was levied on wells which had been newly dug or opened again through the exertions of the cultivators? The Dewan replied that for the first year all rent was excused, for the second year a fifth was taken, for the third year a fourth, and so on, and that a similar case had thus occurred in Jhung, where nine wells had been built by Mier Rulla Ram, the rent of which for the first year had been excused. I desired that every encouragement might be given to all who opened out wells. The Dewan said that the revenue of various districts had greatly increased since Maharaja Runjeet Singh's time. The revenue of the districts of Khace, Mitah and Dhupalpoor, which were respectively 8,000, 32,000 and 32,000 rupees, had now been raised to 40,000, 70,000 and 1,02,000 rupees. In answer to my enquiries concerning the *jageer* papers, the Dewan said that the first sheet was ready for my inspection. I enquired whether the zemindars of Rawul Pindee had received any punishment. Sirdar Tej Singh and Dewan Deena Nath stated that orders had been despatched to send a regiment of Infantry, and Artillery, to keep them in order. I asked whether any Sirdar had been as yet appointed to the judicial administration of the Doab between the Ravee and Chenab? The Sirdar stated that Sirdar Mungul Singh, brother-in-law of Maharaja Khurruk Singh, had been selected and that he would join his appointment immediately. Sirdar Tej Singh said that Musdu Singh had as recommended been appointed to the fort and thanah of Attock. I directed the Durbar to give me a copy of the books of the Kardar of Kadurabad, in which the revenue of each zemindar was entered, so that any complaint against the Kardar with regard to revenue might be at once settled.

3. "The Umritsur Akhbar stated that on the 25th July Major Mainwaring accompanied by two other gentlemen and his children went to see the holy place. On arriving near the "boongees" the Akaloos and Grunthoes and Thanadar requested him not to proceed without taking off his shoes. He refused, saying he would go inside the door, where-

upon one of the Boongeewallas, by name Usa Singh, cried out, "Shut the door and don't let him enter." Major Mainwaring, on hearing the uproar and tumult caused by the Boongeewallas, turned away and left the place. The Thannadar then seized Usa Singh. All the people of Umritsur turned out on hearing the tumult." As already stated, the officers deny having given any provocation.

28th July.

1. "The slave-girl Mungla spoke to the Ranee about getting her *jageers* released. The Ranee said that as Mungla was not one of the Ranees, it would be useless to make any representation on the subject, for the Resident would only direct the Ranee to support her herself. She further said that the Khatsajee had now no authority and all that took place in the fort was made known to the Resident."

2. "Rale Kishen Chaud read a *roohakaree* from the Resident ordering that General Cortlandt and the Kardars appointed to the districts of Derah Ismael Khan, etc., should be sent off as soon as possible."

3. "Several cases were disposed of by Mr. Cocks at the morning Durbar."

4. "Hunsraj, Kardar of Khooshab, was directed to make over the management of that district to Juhmul Singh from the commencement of the khureef crop of 1904."

5. "Dewan Deena Nath, who had been summoned by the Resident, on his return stated that the Resident had remonstrated with him on the delay in preparing the *jageer* papers and on the dislike shown by the Durbar authorities to the Resident's Assistants visiting the Durbar for the decision of cases. The Dewan said that he had told the Resident that on the contrary the Durbar were well pleased at the Assistants attending the Durbar."

6. "Bukhahee Bhuggut Ram was directed to distribute to the regular troops stationed at Peshawur, Huzara, Hussun Abdal, Rawulpindee, Jhelum, Ramnuggur, Shahpoor, Lukhee, etc., their pay for the months of *Har* and *Sawun*."

7. "The Mooltan Akhbar stated that on the 5th *Sawun* a person named Jodharam, confidant of Mihur Singh and Mukhun Mull, set

out from Luth (*sic*) taking 4,000 rupees with him. During the night he stayed in the house of Bhaile Sobharam Singh, and while there was set upon by the Bhaile and Jhundoo, sepoy, a servant of Dewan Moolraj, and cut down with a sword."

29th July.

1. "Dewan Debee Dutta was told that he was appointed to the Kardarship of Derah Ismael Khan, but he refused to accept the place because it did not give him the same independent authority which the Kardars of Murwut and Tank Bunnoo enjoyed. The Sirdars then appointed Kunhya Lal, a follower of Shekh Emam-ood-deen, in lieu of Debee Dutta, and Sirdar Chunda Singh as deputy to General Cortlandt."

2. "Lalla Hunsraj, Kardar, sent an *urzee* stating that he had given satisfaction to the zemindars of Jalub and Ahmedabad. A *per-wanna* was addressed to him directing him to arrange matters with the zemindars of Khooshab regarding the rubbee crop of 1904."

3. "A confidential person was sent with the zemindars of Dhunnee to ensure Dewan Moolraj of Pind Dadun Khan giving satisfaction to the zemindars, and at the same time orders were given to the Kardar to abate the Government demand for revenue on them."

4. "The regulations for the management of Derah Ismael Khan and the several Kardarships belonging to it, together with the scale of pay to the several officers attached, were perused by the Sirdars, and ordered to be sent to the Resident for sanction."

5. "Juhmul Singh, Thanadar of Umritsur, was ordered, whenever gentlemen might wish to visit the Temple, to show the *ishtihar* prohibiting any person from entering the holy precincts without taking off their shoes."

30th July.

1. "Major Macgregor brought forward eleven cases, which were disposed of at the morning Durbar."

2. "An order was passed that the sum of 3,12,000 rupees should be distributed to the regular troops stationed at Peshawur, etc., in pay

for the months of *Har* and *Sawan*. Bakshee Bhuggut Ram was ordered to divide the pay as follows :—

| | Rs. |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| To the troops stationed at Peshawur | ... 1,63,500 |
| Huzara | ... 82,000 |
| Hussan Abdal | ... 54,000 |
| Rawulpindee | ... 12,500 |
| Total | ... 3,12,000 |

3. "An *urree* was received from Bishun Singh stating that *mouzahs* Kondul and Bhukooval were formerly independent of the district of Jural, but that Maharajah Golab Singh's agents are now endeavouring to make them form a part of that district. Bishun Singh was directed to desire Dewan Ajoodhes Persad to make known the state of the case to Captain Abbott and to follow out Captain Abbott's instructions."

4. An *urree* was read from Kazeer Kurrum Bukhsa stating that he had arrived at Rawulpindee and was about to join Mr. Nicholson.

31st July.

1. I attended Durbar with my Assistants. Dewan Deena Nath said that the *jagier* papers were ready and would be sent to me. A *khillat* was conferred upon Gholam Kasim Khan, son of one of the Tané *jageerdars*. Sirdar Utter Singh, Kalawals, stated that Usa Singh, who had been seized by the Thanadar of Umritsur on the occasion of the row which took place on Major Malwaring's visiting the Temple, had formerly been arrested for making a disturbance. I told the Durbar that although the report of the regiments stationed at Panchab Sahib stated their numbers to be 500 each, yet Mr. Nicholson had informed me that they were only 250 strong. Sirdar Tej Singh said that this should be enquired into."

2. "A *roohakharree* was received from the Resident desiring that supplies of wood and all things might be ready to await the arrival of the steamer which was to come up the river Ravee."

3. "A *roohakharree* from the Resident was read on the subject of selling women and children at Peshawur and mentioning the British rules on this point. The Sirdars stated that Maharajah Runjeet Singh had forbidden the practice and that Umur-Chand, who had been found

guilty of conniving at it, ought to be dismissed. A *perwanna* was accordingly despatched dismissing him from office."

4. "The Maharance sent for Dewan Deena Nath, but he excused himself, saying that he could not go alone. The Ranee sent a second time, but he still refused to go except in company with other Sirdars."

5. "The Maharance then sent for the Sirdars and mentioned that she wished Mungla's *jagore* to be released. The Sirdars said that the Resident should be consulted."

Copies of the following documents are herewith enclosed:—

- 1—Mr. Melville's Cashmere Diary from 11th to 17th July.
- 2—Lieutenant Taylor's Cashmere Diary from 28th June to 3rd July.
- 3—Lieutenant Taylor's Cashmere Diary from 12th to 18th July.
- 4—Major Lawrence's Peshawur Diary from 25th to 31st July.
- 5—Extracts from Pandit Kunhya Lal's Diaries from 18th June to 15th July.

VISITS PAID AND RECEIVED.

26th July.

Khooshee Ram, Vakeel of Sirdar Lehna Singh; Ram Millawah, Vakeel of Alloowallah; Kazeer Mohkum-ood-deen, Vakeel of Maharajah Golab Singh; Raie Kishen Chund, Vakeel of the Lahore Government; Suddanund, Moonshee of Rutton Chund with the long beard.

27th July.

Sirdars Tej Singh, Shere Singh, Uiter Singh, Kaleewallah, and Lehna Singh; Bawa Muhiyan Singh; Dewan Deena Nath; Fakeer Noor-ood-deen; Bhace Mukhun Singh, Grunthee; Sirdar Kanh Singh, Man; Generals Mehtab Singh and Cortlandt; Fakeer Zahoor-ood-deen; Sirdar Nihal Singh, son of Sirdar Jhunda Singh; Lalla Anunt Ram, Muchehoo; Juttal Khan, Bhattee; Rutton Sain, Mundeewallah; Bukhshee Bhuggut Ram; Sirdar Jowahir Singh, son of Sirdar Hurree Singh; Misses Rullea Ram and Saleh Diyal; Raie Kishen Chund, Vakeel of the Lahore Government; Khooshee Ram, Vakeel of Sirdar Lehna Singh; Bawa Luchmun Singh, Mother of the said Sirdar; Kazeer Mohkumooddeen, Vakeel of Maharajah Golab Singh; Suddanund, Moonshee of Raie Kishen

Chund; Bhaee Ummeera, Deorcowallah; Mool Singh, Vakeel of Sirdar Tej Singh; Bukhshee Kunhyah Lall of the Dera of Ghorchurra Kulan; Muddud Khan, son of Ellabee Bukhs of the Artillery; Ram Singh, Moherwallah; Dewan Busakha Singh.

28th July.

Nezamooddowlah, well-wisher of the British Government; Sudda-nund, Moonshee of Ruttun Chund with the long beard; Gunda Singh, Motber of Sirdar Shunahere Singh, Sindhanwallah; Gool Mahomed Khan, Motber of Gooldad Khan, Koolancheewallah; Mool Singh, Vakeel of Sirdar Tej Singh; Dewan Deena Nath.

29th July.

Aukhoon Fuzzul Ullly, Motber of the Dera of Nawab Ismael Khan; Moonshee Kunhyah Lall, Motber of Rajah Surroop Singh, Jeendwallah; Sirdar Jowala Singh, Man; Saen Dass, Motber of Sirdar Shere Singh; Mool Singh, Vakeel of Sirdar Tej Singh.

30th July.

Bawa Luchmun Singh, Motber of Sirdar Lehna Singh; General Mehtab Singh, father of Sirdar Ummer Singh; Colonel Goordutt Singh; Bhaie Kanh Singh; Asanund, Vakeel of Mooltan; Kazee Mohkumood-deen, Vakeel of Maharajah Golab Singh; Radha Kishen, Motber of Dewan Taike Chund; Moteeram, Kardar of Haizunwallah; Hookum Chund, Moonshee of Raie Kishen Chund; Dewan Deena Nath.

31st July.

Fakeer Nooroodeen; Sirdar Golab Singh; Dufturrees Shunkernath and Kidarnath; Hookum Chund, Moonshee of Raie Kishen Chund; Dewan Deena Nath.

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**Political Diary of the Agent, Governor-General, North-
West Frontier, and Resident at Lahore, from the
1st to the 7th August 1847.**

SUMMARY OF PUNJAB INTELLIGENCE.

1st August.

1. "A *perwanna* was written appointing Waris Khan to the Thanadarship of Tank and directing him to join within a month."

2. "An *urree* was received from General Sooltan Mahmood stating that he had arrived at Huzara and had shown the *perwanna* of the Sirkar to the Artillery officers, but Tara Singh, Colonel, and Ameer Chund had disregarded it. A *perwanna* was sent to Sooltan Mahmood informing him that Ameer Chund had been superseded by Bal Singh, who was now on his way to Huzara and on whose arrival the General might draft Ameer Chund's guns into the different forts."

3. "Mungla was informed that an allowance of 10 rupees a day should be fixed for her."

4. "An *urree* from Deves Diyal, Kardar of Kadurabad, was read stating that on his return he had assembled the zemindars and communicated to them the reduction made in their revenue, to which they had all agreed for the future, but begged that the accounts of the last spring revenue might be made up on the basis of the survey and estimate which had been made of the green crop and not by the new rules. He had in consequence agreed to their wishes and taken a written agreement from them. Shunkernath was directed to take this agreement to Mr. Cocks for his information."

2nd August.

1. "An *urree* was received from Sirdar Ram Singh stating that two travellers had been killed on the road to Dowlatabad, but that no traces had been found of the murderers notwithstanding all his endeavours."

2. "Sheikh Shuhtab-ood-deen was appointed to the Thanadarship of Derah Ismael Khan."

3. "Dewan Deena Nath stated that the Resident had fixed the sum of 3,64,400 rupees to be distributed in *jagirs* among the members of the Durbar. Tej Singh expatiated on the devotion of the Council to the Maharajah and the Resident."

4. "Fakcer Noor-ood-deen and Raie Kishen Chund went in the evening to welcome Mr. John Lawrence to Lahore, taking a *sensful* of money and sweetmeats with them."

3rd August.

1. This was my usual morning for receiving the Sirdars at the Residency, but before their arrival I paid a hurried visit to the Palace with Mr. John Lawrence, who wished to enquire personally after the health of the Maharajah. His Highness presented 1,000 rupees as a *surwarna* to Mr. John Lawrence, who in return presented 500 rupees to the Maharajah. Several other Sirdars in like manner made the customary presents to Mr. John Lawrence, and we then conducted the Sirdars to Anarkullee. I enquired whether the regular troops had received their pay for the months of *Baisakh* and *Jaith*, and if the Cavalry had been paid. Sirdar Tej Singh said that the former had been paid, and that pay was now being distributed to the Cavalry. Dewan Deena Nath stated that Mir Rula Ram and Mir Saheb Dyal had been spoken to about the customs duties, and that Dewan Moolraj, Nazim of Mooltan, had been requested to send in the rules in force for collecting customs dues in Mooltan and Dera Ghazee Khan. Dewan Deena Nath said that with the exception of 900 rupees the sum of 18 lacs of rupees due by Dewan Moolraj of Mooltan, for which he had given bonds, had been paid up, and requested that the bonds might be delivered over to the Dewan's Vakeel, which I directed to be done.

2. "The papers of the *jaggers*, which are to be bestowed on the members of the Council, were directed to be sent to the Resident through Raie Kishen Chund, Vakeel."

4th August.

1. "Eight or ten *faujdarre* cases were disposed of by Mr. Cocks at the morning Durbar."

2. "The Kardars lately appointed to the several districts under the control of General Corilandi were instructed to pay obedience to the General's orders, and at all times to manage their districts according to his directions. They expressed their willingness to act up to their instructions."

3. "On the recommendation of Sheikh Emam-oo-deen, Moonshee Bholanath was appointed to the Kotwalship of Derah Ismael Khan."

4. "Dewan Dowlut Raie, Nazim of Derah Ismael Khan, was directed to seize a zemindar named Sadik, accused of the murder of a woman, and to send a 'Soorut-hal' of the case."

5. "In accordance with the Resident's directions a *perwanna* was despatched to Dewan Hakim Raie recalling him from Peshawur."

5th August.

1. "An *urree* was received from Sirdar Ram Singh, Jellawalla, stating that, as many disputes about revenue took place between the Lahore Government and the people of Maharajah Golab Singh, he had requested Dewan Ajoodhea Pershad to refer the matter to Captain Abbott, who had however replied that such cases were not in his province and could not be decided by him without the authority of the Resident." I desired the Durbar to inform Sirdar Ram Singh that if he would send me the particulars of the cases in question I would make inquiry concerning them from Maharajah Golab Singh.

2. "Another *urree* from the same Sirdar complained of his having being deprived of the services of the orderly-troopers lately appointed for his court."

3. "Dewan Hakim Raie wrote from Peshawur acknowledging receipt of the Sirkar's orders for his recall and expressing his willingness to obey them. He stated that he had immediately visited Major G. Lawrence, who had told him that it was his calling himself Nazim of Peshawur which had displeased the Resident, but he had better await the result of another reference to Lahore. Dewan Kishen Koonwur was instructed to inform his father, Dewan Hakim Raie, that he was to leave Peshawur and go for some days to his home at Sealkote, and there be in readiness to appear when sent for."

4. "Bhaie Dull Singh, Kardar of Rawul Pindee, was directed not to forward cases of every description occurring within his district to Captain Abbott, but to send only boundary questions to Captain Abbott, and the remaining cases of the district to Mr. Nicholson."

5. "Sirdar Tej Singh advised that all the Sirdars should repair once a day to the tomb of Maharajah Runjeet Singh, a plan which the Sirdars appeared much to approve of."

6th August.

1. "Eight cases were brought forward by Major Macgregor in the morning Durbar and orders passed on them by the Ministers."

2. "Dewan Deena Nath said that there was some discrepancy between the regulations given to General Cortlandt, and the copy sent to the Resident. Shunker Nath was directed to take the originals to the Resident for inspection."

3. "Dewan Deena Nath said that he had at length prepared the 44-column statement after a great deal of trouble."

4. "General Sikunder Khan was reprimanded for having levied *bhoosa* from the zemindars of Panchah Sahib gratis for the use of the Artillery. He was directed to give immediate satisfaction to the zemindars and to beware of repeating such oppression."

5. "A *roobakaree* was received from the Resident regarding the encouragement of cultivation in the country by remitting revenue for the first two years on newly dug or opened wells."

6. "Raie Kishan Chund stated that he had read over to the Resident the rites to be adopted for the installation of Raja Tej Singh on the following day, and that the Resident had expressed a wish that accommodation might be provided for ladies: orders were given to prepare a fitting place."

7. "Bukhshee Bhuggut Ram was censured for his delay in preparing the statements of the regular troops."

7th August.

1. "Toomonee represented to the Ranee that the investiture of Sirdar Tej Singh was to take place that day. The Ranee said she was exceedingly angry that everything was done without consulting her. Mungra remarked that the Ranee was obliged to act according to the advice of the Darbar and the Resident, but that they did their utmost for the welfare of the Maharajah. The Ranee complained of having been excluded from the management of all State affairs, and wanted to know what fault she had committed that she had been so treated."

2. "It was reported that the Ranee, at the suggestion of Mungra, Sirdar Jeewun Singh, Hurdial Jemadar, Sheodut Raie and Bukhshee

Gohur Singh, had forbidden the Maharajah to change his clothes, and had instructed him, when he was asked to make the sign of Rajaship on the forehead of Raja Tej Singh and to present *khilluts* to the other Sirdars, to say to the Resident that he would do neither."

3. I attended Durbar in company with Mr. John Lawrence and my Assistants. Eleven guns were fired as a salute. Dewan Deena Nath requested that a *sunnud* of the district of Sealkote might be given to Raja Tej Singh, and stated that when any one was made a Raja the ancient practice was that all Sirdars should present *nuzzurs* to him, which would now be done with my permission. I requested them to adhere to the former practice, and recommended that a title-deed should be given to the new Raja under the Maharajah's orders. When the auspicious time, which was fixed at 17½ minutes past 8 o'clock by the Pundits, arrived, the Maharajah was requested to affix the mark of Rajaship on the forehead of Tej Singh, but in obedience to the instructions of his mother he refused to do so. After some little consultation, Bhaee Nidhan Singh, nephew of the late Bhaee Ram Singh, was called upon to perform the office. The *sunnud* of Rajahood, together with a title-deed of Sealkote, and *khilluts* of honor consisting of a *muzzud*, pieces of cloth, jewellery, an elephant, a *palkee*, a horse, a pair of bracelets, etc., etc., were presented to the new Raja. I signed my name on the back of the *sunnud* granting the title of Raja, and at the same time a salute of 11 guns was fired in the Raja's honor. The Raja presented 11 pairs of bracelets and 500 rupees as a *surcornia* to the Maharajah, 525 Rupees to me and 200 to Mr. John Lawrence. All the Sirdars, according to usage, then presented their *nuzzurs* to the Raja. *Sunnuds* setting forth their good-will, loyalty, and services to the Government, together with *khilluts*, etc., were granted to the following Sirdars and principal officers according to their several degrees:—

- (1) Sirdar Shere Singh, Attareewalla.
- (2) Sirdar Lehna Singh, Majeetia.
- (3) Sirdar Utter Singh, Kalawalla.
- (4) Sirdar Shumshere Singh, Sindhanwalla.
- (5) Dewan Deena Nath.
- (6) Fakeer Noor-oo-deen.
- (7) Bhaee Nidhan Singh.

- (8) Sirdar Chutter Singh, Attareewalla.
- (9) Misr Rula Ram.
- (10) Sirdar Heera Singh.
- (11) Sirdar Urjun Singh.
- (12) Raie Kishen Chund.
- (13) Baba Luchmun Singh.
- (14) Sirdar Umur Singh, Majeetia.
- (15) Sirdar Mehtab Singh.
- (16) Lala Choonee Lall.
- (17) General Certlandt.

The Sirdars then offered their *nuzzurs* to the Maharajah and to myself, after which I signed all their *sunnuds* on the back as a witness of their gift.

4. "After the departure of the Resident, Raja Tej Singh consulted with the rest of the Durbar about the Maharajah having refused to affix the *teeka* on his forehead, and stated that when Lal Singh was made Raja the Ranee had directed the Maharajah to go through this form: now notwithstanding that this title was granted on the especial recommendation of the Resident, the Ranee and her attendants had forbidden the Maharajah to go through the usual form, which had consequently been the cause of great annoyance to the Durbar. Dewan Deena Nath and Fakeer Noor-oo-deen said that both the Resident and Mr. John Lawrence had personally requested the Maharajah not to neglect this observance, but that he had folded his arms and absolutely refused to comply with their wishes. The Sirdars said that the people about the Maharanee were constantly prompting her to do what was incorrect and misleading her to her own injury."

5. "Lala Buldeo Sahaie brought congratulatory addresses from the Resident to all Sirdars who had received *sunnuds* in the morning with which the Sirdars were exceedingly pleased."

6. "The Sirdars told Ameer Buksh that they could not comprehend why the Ranee was so dissatisfied, and directed him to inform her that the Maharajah must make his appearance in the evening as the Resident was to pay them a second visit to see the fireworks. He said 'the

Maharajah is with the Ranee.' On this Sirdar Outar Singh was sent to fetch him, but returned without the Maharajah. The Sirdars at length sent Sirdar Heera Singh, who prevailed upon the Ranee to allow the Maharajah to attend Durbar."

7. In the evening I again went to Durbar with my Assistants. There was a display of fireworks and a dinner laid out for the English Officers. I conversed with the Sirdars concerning the bad humour of the Ranee at the title of Raja being granted to Tej Singh and *sunnuds* to the other Sirdars, and then took leave.

Copies of the following documents are herewith enclosed :—

Mr. P. S. Melvill's Cashmere Diary No. 4, from 18th to 27th July.

Lieutenant Taylor's Cashmere Diary No. 10, from 19th to 25th July.

Major Lawrence's Peshawur Diary from 1st to 7th August.

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VISITS PAID AND RECEIVED.

1st August—Sunday.

2nd August.

Fakeer Noor-oo-deen, Sirdars Sirdool Singh and Jowala Singh, Man; Ghulam Kasim Khan, Shah Newaz Khan, and Uily Hoossain Khan, jaggeerdars of Tank; Radha Kishen, Vakeel of Bhawalpore; Kanh Chand, Motber of Sham Singh, Attareewallah; Raie Kishen Chand, Vakeel of the Lahore Government; Shunker Dass, Motber of Sirdar Shumshere Singh, Sindhanwallah; Sirdar Utter Singh, Kaleewallah; Kazee Mohkum-oo-deen, Vakeel of Maharajah Golab Singh.

3rd August.

Sirdars Tej Singh and Shere Singh, Kaleewallah; Fakeer Noor-oo-deen; Deena Nath; Sirdars Lehna Singh, Kanh Singh, Man, Golab Singh and Shumshere Singh; Raie Kishen Chund, Vakeel of the Lahore Government; Sheikh Emam-oo-deen; Sirdars Sirdool Singh and Heera Singh; Bukhshee Bhuggut Ram; Ruttun Chund with the long beard; Miar Ummeer Chund; Mool Singh, Vakeel of Sirdar Tej Singh; Khooshee Ram, Vakeel of Sirdar Lehna Singh; Saen Dass, Motber of Sirdar Shere

Singh; Bawa Fakeer Buksh, Dehrwallah; Rutton Chund, Doogul; Mirs Rulleeram and Sahib Diyal; Fakeers Zahoor-oo-deen and Cheeragh-oo-deen; Ujjub Singh, Vakeel of Sirdar Kanh Singh, Man; Urjun Singh, son of Hurree Singh, Nulwah; Asanund, Vakeel of Mooltan; Bhace Ummeera, Deoreewallah; Sirdar Luchmun Singh; Jullal Khan, Bhutte; Rutton Sain, Mundeewallah; Sirdar Outar Singh; Bawa Luchmun Singh, Mother of Sirdar Lehna Singh; Sirdar Ummer Singh; Bhace Mukhun Singh, Grunthee; Jeewun Singh, Toshakhaneeah; Dewan Vesakha Singh; Kishen Kouwur; Ram Chund, Moherwallah.

4th August.

Kazee Mohkum-oo-deen, Vakeel of Maharajah Golab Singh; Asanund, Vakeel of Mooltan; Mir Megh Raj, Toshakhaneeah; Abdool Rahman, well-wisher of the British Government, inhabitant of Jullahabad; Saen Daas, Mother of Sirdar Shere Singh; Bukhshee Jowahir Mull, Vakeel of the said Sirdar; Bawa Luchmun Singh, Mother of Sirdar Lehna Singh; Khooshee Ram, Vakeel of the said Sirdar.

5th August.

Lala Anant Ram, Muchchoo; Sirdar Utter Singh, Kaleewallah; Bukhshee Kunhya Lall; Bawa Muhiyan Singh; Gunda Singh, Mother of Sirdar Shumshere Singh, Sindhanwallah; Fakeer Zahoor-oo-deen; Mir Megh Raj, Toshakhaneeah; Pandit Radha Kishen; Kazee Mohkum-oo-deen, Vakeel of Maharajah Golab Singh; Sirdar Lall Singh, Nabhawallah; Nawab Surfaraz Khan of Mooltan with his sons Uhmud Uily Khan and Kasim Khan and his nephews Brothur Khan (*sic*), Bahadoor Khan, Abdool Majjeed Khan, Jahangeer Khan, and Mahomed Khan.

6th August.

Sirdar Ummer Singh; General Mehtab Singh; Jullal Khan, Bhutte, with Kurrum Elahie Khan; Radha Kishen, Mother of Bhawalporewallah; Mool Singh, Vakeel of Sirdar Tej Singh; Sheikh Emam-oo-deen.

7th August.

Kazee Mohkum-oo-deen, Vakeel of Maharajah Golab Singh.

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**Political Diary of the Agent, Governor-General, North-
West Frontier, and Resident at Lahore, from the
8th to the 14th August 1847.**

SUMMARY OF PUNJAB INTELLIGENCE.

8th August.

1. "Misr Rula Ram, Nazim of Jhung, and Misr Sahib Diyal presented for inspection some papers of revised customs dues. They were told that the papers should be shown to the Resident, on which they said that Dewan Moolraj had not yet forwarded a statement of the customs collected in Mooltan, without which the papers would be incomplete. They requested also that Bhai Hurree Singh might be directed to furnish a return of the customs at Lahore."

2. "According to the Resident's instructions, *perwannis* were sent to all Jageerdars and holders of *dhurmuks*, directing them to produce their *sunnuds*, which after examination would be signed by the Resident. Persons holding *jageers* or *dhurmuks* on the other side of the Jhelum and Attock were directed to take their *sunnuds* to Mr. Nicholson, and those in Huzara and Peshawur to Captain Abbott and Major George Lawrence respectively."

3. "A *roohakaree* was received from the Resident requesting that proclamations might be issued throughout the kingdom permitting Mahomedans to cry their calls-to-prayer and abolishing all religious restrictions except the slaughter of kine: the said order to be made more specially public in Huzara, whose Mussulman population it is well calculated to gratify."

9th August.

1. "Bhai Ameer Buksh told the Rancee that the Sirdars accused her of misleading the Maharaja; she replied that since the unfortunate occurrence of the Maharaja having refused to make the *teeka* on Tej Singh's forehead, which had been caused either by the suggestion of some of his attendants or by his own childish ignorance, she had been unable to sleep or to eat; but in the words of the old proverb, "the time that is passed, and the arrow that is sped from the bow, are no more to be recalled." She now wished to make up matters with Tej Singh. Bhai Ameer Buksh said that it was generally reported that the

Ranee's attendants had induced her to prohibit the Maharaja from going through this ceremony. The Ranee complained of not having been acquainted with the Resident's intention of presenting titles and *jageers* to the Sirdars, and said she felt angry at nearly 1½ lacs of rupees in jewels and *khilluts* having been bestowed on them without her cognizance."

2. "A *roobakaree* was received from Major Macgregor requesting the Durbar to issue proclamations prohibiting persons from selling liquors in Lahore, and within a circle of 12 *kos* of it, except when possessed of a license from the contractor." This was in consequence of a Sirdar distilling spirit on his own premises, and Doctor Houlberger manufacturing and retailing liquor in the city. Most of the Sikh Sirdars drink spirits freely; and the *abkaree* regulations, which are indispensable for the discipline of the garrison, were at first rather inconvenient, as obliging them all to go to the contractor, and thus, they thought, betraying their secret, but I fancy they have found out that we bother ourselves very little with their private affairs so long as they do not neglect their public duty. They whispered also that the contractor did not brew good liquor, but he will be only too happy to have a private tap for the nobility.

3. "Sirdar Utter Singh and Fakeer Noor-ood-deen said that they had waited upon the Resident, who had recommended that each Sirdar should write his opinion whether any underhand means had been used to induce the Maharaja not to go through the ceremony of marking Raja Tej Singh's forehead. Raja Tej Singh said that it could not have occurred without the Ranee being concerned. Sirdar Sher Singh stated that he was unacquainted with what took place in the *Summun Boorj*, but believed that the Ranee's attendants were constantly engaged in plots. Fakeer Noor-ood-deen advised that the Maharaja should be asked to sign the *sumuds* of the various Sirdars, which Dewan Deena Nath said he would manage. The Fakeer said that it would be as well to mention this to the Resident. Raie Kishen Chund was accordingly directed to write down the opinions of the Sirdars and to take them to the Resident."

4. "Raie Kishen Chund on his return said that the Resident approved of the propositions of the Sirdars."

5. "A *perwanna* was addressed to Teg Chund informing him that the district of Sealkote had been conferred on Raja Tej Singh and directing him to put the Raja's people in possession."

10th August.

1. "Bhai Ameer Buksh informed the Maharanee that the Sirdars were very much irritated at the Maharaja's behaviour towards Tej Singh. The Ranee made excuses for him on account of his age and said that she would instruct him to sign the *sunnuds* of the Sirdars: she was much annoyed however at not being consulted in any one affair."

2. "It was reported that during the night two of the prisoners sentenced to death, who were to have been hung this day, succeeded in effecting their escape from prison. They must have accomplished this through the neglect or connivance of the jail darogah and sepoy." The darogah seems to have put the two prisoners in the least secure part of the new prison, and the guards must have been grossly negligent. A new darogah has been sent for from our provinces: the old one and the guards being made over to the Lahore *Adalat* for trial. Descriptive rolls of the two runaways have been sent to district officers on both sides of the Sutlej.

3. "Four prisoners sentenced to death for murder were hung in the presence of Major Macgregor and the Kotwal. The flight of the other two men who escaped in the course of the night was not discovered till the Kotwal went to bring them out for execution. Major Macgregor ordered the sepoy of the jail to be imprisoned."

4. "Mool Singh stated that the Resident had directed proclamations to be issued for the apprehension of the persons who had escaped from jail. He also informed the Sirdars that Mr. Nicholson had written to the Resident complaining against Bhacee Dull Singh. Proclamations for the arrest of the runaways were issued and a *perwanna* was addressed to Bhacee Dull Singh warning him to behave better in future."

5. "Dewan Moolraj, Nazim of Mooltan, was reprimanded for his delay in sending in the statements of the customs tolls levied in Mooltan, Dera Ghazee Khan, etc."

11th August.

1. "The Ranee said that Mungla had been speaking to her about the Maharajah signing the *sunnuks* of the Sirdars, and consulted her attendants as to what course was advisable to be pursued. They recommended her to ask the Maharajah to sign them."

2. "Mr. Cocks and Mr. Bowring attended Durbar when several cases were decided by the members of the Durbar. Fakeer Zahoor-ood-deen proposed that the *sunnuks* of the Sirdars should be produced and the Maharajah requested to sign them. This was accordingly done, Dewan Deena Nath presenting his own first, which the Maharajah signed, after which he signed those of Sirdar Utter Singh, Sirdar Mehtab Singh, Fakeer Noor-ood-deen, and Bhacee Nidhan Singh. On seeing the Maharajah sign those with perfect good-will, Raja Tej Singh was advised to send for his also. On their being brought the Maharajah signed both the *sunnuks* granting the rank of Rajah and the title-deed of the district of Sealkote. The Sirdars were much pleased at the Maharajah's readiness in signing the *sunnuks*."

3. "The farm of the district of Kolachee, the Government rents of which were reduced to 48,000 rupees, was granted for the space of 3 years to Gooldad Khan on the recommendation of the Resident, strictly enjoining him to afford protection in every way to the ryots and the rents of the districts to be regularly paid up. His possession is to take place from the commencement of 1847." I did not recommend Gooldad Khan for the Kardarship of Gundahpore and Kolachee; his family were the hereditary Princes of the country, and he now holds it in farm. Each succeeding Vuzzer has raised the revenues of the district, because it was a long way from the capital and complaint difficult. At my desire the Durbar have now struck off 13,000 rupees.

4. "The farm of the district of Tank was bestowed for one year of trial upon Shah Newaz Khan on the recommendation of the Resident. The sum of 25,000 rupees was allotted to him, and the revenue to be paid to the Sirkar fixed at 75,000, thus making a total of one lac for the whole district." Shah Newaz Khan is grandson of the well-known Sirwur Khan, Prince of Tank, who made the province one of the most populous, best cultivated, and best governed, of the Derajat; if he behaves well this year, he shall be confirmed in the Kardarship.

5. "Dewan Deena Nath requested that the customs returns might be quickly sent for from Dera Ismael Khan and Mooltan that his own returns might be made up for submission to the Resident."

12th August.

1. At the morning Durbar I enquired what was the reason of the Maharajah's delay in coming to Durbar on the evening of the 7th. Dewan Deena Nath said that Bhace Ameer Bukhsh and Sirdar Outar Singh had been successively sent to bring the Maharajah, but in vain, upon which Sirdar Shere Singh was requested to bring him. The Sirdar, he said, would be able to tell me all about the matter. On being asked, he informed me that on the evening in question the Maharajah was with the Maharanee on the top of the Palace, and that he (the Sirdar) requested the Maharajah to come and see the *tumasha* and the fireworks, at which the Resident and all the European officers would be present, adding that a company of sepoy's would also be there. The Sirdar immediately after denied that he had referred to a company of sepoy's. After the departure of Sirdar Heera Singh, I pointed out to the Sirdars the contradiction in his story, which the Dewan remarked that he had observed also.

I then asked all the Sirdars in turn whether they believed that the Maharajah's refusal to sign the *tituk* on the forehead of Tej Singh was the result of the instigation of any one or only caused by his own unwillingness. They all declared that the Maharajah would not have acted of his own accord in this manner, and that there was no doubt that he had been instigated to do so. Sirdar Shumahere Singh observed that 4 or 5 of the people about the Maharanee were of evil repute, and recommended that persons of good character should be substituted in their stead. Rajah Tej Singh gave the same advice. I remarked that the result of having the well-wishers of the Durbar about the person of the Maharajah would be shown on his attaining his majority. Dewan Deena Nath said that only persons known to be well disposed should be allowed to remain in the fort, and that an enquiry into the character of those now there should be made, after which those whose character seemed suspicious should be turned out. I directed the Durbar to send me their opinions in writing, and took leave.

2. "The Sirdars arranged first, that Bhace Nidhan Singh, Sirdar Golab Singh, Atareewalla, Fakeer Zuhoor-oo-deen and Sirdar Kirpal Singh should be substituted in the place of the persons who have now access to the Rancee, and that these latter should be removed; secondly, when the Maharajah comes out of the Summun Boorj to be instructed the above persons are always to attend him; thirdly, Sirdar Heera Singh is to wait upon the Maharajah at Durbar, but at other times to remain in his own house; fourthly, a fitting number of attendants is to be appointed to be constantly about the Maharajah's person; fifthly, only persons of good character are to be allowed to be among the youthful attendants of the Maharajah; sixthly, arrangements are to be made for preventing general access into the Summun or beyond the *purdah* of the Maharanee. These resolutions were ordered to be sent to the Resident for his sanction. Fakeer Noor-oo-deen wished to know whether it was the Maharajah or the Resident who had given the *khillats* and *sunnuds* to the Sirdars. The rest of the Durbar replied that the Maharajah had given them, but on the recommendation of the Resident. The Fakeer then said that this being the case, and the Maharajah having signed the *sunnuds*, it would not be advisable to lay the blame of what had happened on the Maharajah, but to take some stringent measures respecting those persons who had misled him. Dewan Deena Nath said that they had contrived cleverly to get the acknowledgment about 'the company' out of Sirdar Heera Singh."

3. "The sum of 16,000 rupees was ordered to be paid out of the treasury, being the allowance for eight months of Raja Lal Singh."

4. "An *urree* was received from the officers of Pertap Singh's regiment stating that they had received from the Sirkar orders to march, but that they were in want of tents, ropes and other necessities, as well as camels. They also mentioned that an increase of pay was demanded by some persons of their corps. Bukhshee Bhuggut Ram was directed to provide all the camp necessities mentioned by these officers, who were informed by letter of their indents having been passed. With regard to pay, they were advised to remain contented with what they had. A *perwanna* was also addressed to their commander Pertap Singh directing him to join his regiment immediately and to expedite its departure for Pindadun Khan."

5. " *Perwannas* were written to all the Kardars prohibiting them from quarrelling among themselves with regard to the boundaries of their several districts and directing them to settle these matters amicably. They have also been enjoined to render each other cheerful assistance in arresting fugitive offenders from each other's districts."

6. "Sudanund presented for inspection a statement of the collections and expenditure of the district of Peshawur from the commencement of *Jaith* to the end of *Har*. Bukhshee Bhuggut Ram was ordered to send instructions to Mir Meg Raj to call for similar statements from the Gomashas of all the districts of the kingdom."

13th August.

1. "The Maharanee's attendants informed Her Highness that the Durbar wished that no one should have access to her. The Maharanee said she resigned herself to fate."

2. "Mool Singh stated that Raja Tej Singh was so ill that he could not attend Durbar." The Raja has for years been liable to an intermittent fever.

3. "Several cases were brought forward at the morning Durbar by Major Macgregor and decided by the Durbar authorities."

4. "Sirdar Heera Singh paid a visit to the Maharaja, who requested him to shoot some of the crows about the Palace. The Sirdar managed to shoot Bhacee Sirdar Singh and Sukha instead. They were only however slightly wounded. The Sirdar presented them with 25 rupees by way of recompense."

5. "The Peshawur Akhbar stated that 66,966 rupees had been paid into the Treasury. A powder magazine in the city had caught fire and by the explosion several people were wounded, of whom one died."

6. "The resolutions passed by the Sirdars regarding the Ranee's affair were signed and sealed by all the members of the Durbar."

14th August.

1. "Rajee Kisben Chund read over the rules made by the Durbar regarding the exclusion from the Palace of the present attendants of the Maharanee. Raja Tej Singh said that they should be carried into execution that day."

2. "The Resident being unwell, Mr. John Lawrence, with the Assistants, attended Durbar. Some *sanads* granted to Sirdars on the 7th were presented to the Maharaja for signature. Dewan Deena Nath stated that the 41-column Statement was ready with the exception of one head, but that it had been necessary to make 65 heads instead of 41. Mr. John Lawrence enquired what had been done in the case of Futteh Khan, Towanah. Dewan Deena Nath replied that he had agreed to pay up the sum demanded from him within a stated time, which had expired 15 days ago. Whatever the Sahab thought proper should be done. Mr. John Lawrence enquired whether the returns of the Punjab customs were ready? The Dewan replied that they were, but before any new scale could be drawn up it would be necessary to settle what articles were to pay duty and what not."

3. "The Sirdars settled that Bhai Ameer Buksh, Hurdial Jemadar, Sirdar Jeewun Singh and Sheodut Raie, Dufsturee, should be dismissed from the Maharaja's service, and that the following officers should be appointed:—

Sirdar Golab Singh, Atareewalla.

Bhai Nidhan Singh.

Fakcer Zuhoor-oo-deen.

Sirdar Kripal Singh, Mulvee.

" Nehal Singh, son of Chundun Singh, Kujania.

" Nahur Singh, Atareewalla.

The son of Bhai Gobind Ram.

Muduh Khan, the son of General Illahee Buksh.

Busunt Singh, the son of Misr Ram Kishen.

Jowahir Singh, Bustuncewalla.

In addition to these Misr Ram Dutt, son of Misr Belec Ram, was appointed to the care of the *toshakhana*. The Maharanee is to confine herself to the Summun, in the same manner as the Princesses of Jodhpoor, Jyepoor, &c., preserve their privacy, and no attendants are to be admitted into the interior of the Palace except when the *parda* is down. Gunga Singh was appointed in lieu of Bhai Ameer Buksh, who was directed to set out for Derah Ismael Khan. In like manner Sirdar Jeewun Singh, Sheodut Raie, and Hurdial, Jemadar, respectively obtained appointments in Huzara, Derah Ismael Khan and Sumurgurh. They were informed that if any refractory spirit were shewn they would be dismissed from

the service. No one was in future to enter the fort without permission. Mungla was ordered to take herself off with her brothers, Utter Singh and Meghraj, to her own country." She is a native of the Palum district beyond Kot Kangra, and Mr. John Lawrence has consigned her to the care of Mr. Barnes.

4. "The sum of 25,000 rupees was ordered to be paid to Bukshee Kunhya Lall and Sirdar Utter Singh for distribution among the Cavalry."

5. "The district of Duleepgurh was ordered to be made over to Mya Doss, confidant of Ruttun Chund, Doogul."

6. "Information was given to the attendants of the Maharanee of the orders of the Durbar respecting them. They all of them prepared to depart from the fort. Sirdar Jeewun Singh, on pretence of making over the *toshakhana*, visited the Ranee and had a long interview with her, after which he took leave. The slave girl Mungla, after embracing the Ranee, also left the Palace and was followed by the other attendants."

7. "Miser Rula Ram and Miser Sahib Diyal brought the statements of the customs and begged that it might be settled what articles were in future to bear duty."

Copies of the following documents are herewith enclosed :—

- 1.—Mr. Van Agnew's Diary from 4th to 10th July.
- 2.—Ditto ditto 11th to 17th Do.
- 3.—Lieutenant Taylor's ditto 25th July to 1st August.

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Political Diary of the Agent, Governor-General, North-West Frontier, and Resident at Lahore, from the 15th to the 21st August 1847.

SUMMARY OF PUNJAB INTELLIGENCE.

15th August.

1. "The Maharanee employed herself in abusing Raja Tej Singh, Dewan Deena Nath, Sirdar Shere Singh, Sirdar Utter Singh, and Sirdar Shumshere Singh, and refused to eat any food except such as had been prepared by her own attendants."

2. "On the Durbar hearing that it was the Governor-General's intention to proceed to England in the ensuing cold weather, they

resolved to send a deputation to His Lordship to enquire after his welfare and to make the customary presents, according to the usage of the Lahore Government on any Governor-General leaving India."

3. "By the Rawul Pindée Akhbar it appeared that Sirdar Lal Singh, Morria, had issued proclamations that all cases, whether criminal, civil, or revenue, should be brought before the proper authorities, and not be referred to the Kardars for decision."

4. "Dewan Dowlat Roy, Nazim of Derah Ismael Khan, was reprimanded for not having forwarded to Sooltan Ahmed the pay of his Golundazes stationed at that place, and was desired to lose no time in doing so."

5. A *perwana* was addressed to Sirdar Chutter Singh, Ataree-wala, informing him that although Colonel Jodah Singh had been directed to strike off the roll of the Churumjeet Regiment all those who were in excess of the number limited by the Government orders, yet, as it appeared necessary to retain their services under Captain Abbott in Huzara, this measure would not be carried into execution for the present.

16th August.

1. "Sirdar Heera Singh requested that the farm of the district of Dulleepgurh might be granted to him, stating that he and his brother Jowahir Singh had brought it into cultivation, and that if it fell into any Kardar's hands it would go to ruin."

2. "Sirdar Kanh Singh, Man, was desired to look after the people of Futeh Khan, Towanah, who are said to be in the City in great numbers, so as to prevent any disturbances on their part; at the same time Jugut Singh, Man, was ordered to convey Futeh Khan to the fort of Govindgurh, under a strong guard. Futeh Khan, Towanah, is now in the Fort of Govindgurh."

3. "Intelligence was received that Jeewun Singh had absconded." He is one of the Ranee's followers, and with the view of removing him from Lahore he had been directed by the Durbar to proceed to Huzarah in charge of a party of horsemen; it is rumoured that he has gone to Simla.

4. "Rao Kishen Chund produced a letter from the Resident to Mr. Barnes at Kangra requesting him to see that Mungla was safely located at Palum, her native country."

17th August.

1. "The Ranee's attendants, Maghee and Badamoon, informed Her Highness that Mungla was ill-disposed towards the Khalsajee, and that the arrangements which had been made by the Resident and the Durbar were quite proper."

2. At the morning Durbar I enquired whether the Cavalry had been paid. Raja Tej Singh replied that their pay would be distributed on the arrival of the treasure expected from Mooltan and the Doab. After the departure of the inferior Sirdars, the subject of Mungla was started. The Durbar said that my letter recommending her to the care of Mr. Lake at Kangra had been given to her, but that she expressed herself ignorant of having done anything which could cause her expulsion from Lahore. Dewan Deena Nath read over an *urree* sent by her, requesting some allowance to be made to her on her trip and begging that the accounts might be settled. She also desired that *khilluts* might be given to herself and to her brothers. I directed the Durbar to send them away after giving them *khilluts* as desired by Mungla. Raja Tej Singh remarked that when Mungla was on the point of leaving the fort the Maharajah said to her: "Oh, intriguer, what's the use of your weeping now? Why did you prevent me from marking the *tiluk*?" I enquired from what date the Cavalry who were now demanding their pay had been dismissed from service. The Dewan replied that they had received orders to arrive at Rohtas on the 20th *Baisakh* and to join the cantonment at Attock on the 1st *Julh*. They did not arrive within the time prescribed and were accordingly dismissed. They were entitled to pay up to the month of *Baisakh*. As a temporary measure I informed the Durbar that I would advance 2 lacs of rupees for the payment of the Cavalry, to be repaid on the arrival of the treasure expected from Mooltan. This money has since arrived and the sum lent has been repaid. Raja Tej Singh recommended that all seditious people should be expelled from Lahore and that measures should be taken to remove Futteh Khan Towanali's followers.

3. "Khoda Boksh, Kotwal, was ordered to eject from the city of Lahore all the followers of Futteh Khan and to prohibit any of them from residing within 12 *koy* of the city."

4. "Moonshee Sant Ram said that he had informed the Maharanee of the arrangement of the Durbar that she might leave the fort to take

an airing every seven or eight days, but that the Ranee had requested that the Durbar would not mock her."

5. "Umur Singh, Vakeel of General Kanh Singh, Man, brought word that 175 of Futteh Khan's people had been turned out of the city. The Durbar remarked that there were nearly 400 men in Lahore said to be followers of Futteh Khan."

6. "Orders were given to the Duffurrees of the regular forces to distribute *batta* to the troop of Artillery of Bal Singh which had been ordered to Huzara."

18th August.

1. "Dewan Deena Nath mentioned that Sirdar Heera Singh was desirous that the rents of Daleepgurh might be collected by his own Sahookars, stating that if the collections were made by a Kardar the district would be injured, which would be an injustice to him, as he had for three years been exerting himself for its improvement. Raja Tej Singh remarked that they had infinite difficulty in getting the district out of the clutches of the Sirdar, who had been ruining it as fast as he could."

2. "Several cases were decided by the Sirdars at the morning Durbar in the presence of Mr. Cocks."

3. "Sirdar Lehna Singh was directed to release the Panches, who had been imprisoned with the followers of the Bhai Maharaj." No clue has been as yet found to the hiding place of the Bhai.

4. "An *urzee* was received from Dewan Moolraj, Nazim of Mooltan, stating that neither he nor his Kardars took it upon themselves to decide cases occurring within his jurisdiction, and that defendants in cases within the district of Jhung were sent there by him. He mentioned that the inhabitants of Bahawalpoor and Jhung were constantly committing murders and other atrocious actions, but that he never directed his officers to investigate these cases without receiving the requisite orders. The *urzee* was directed to be sent to the Resident for instructions."

5. "Misr Rula Ram and Misr Sahib Dyal had a conversation with Dewan Deena Nath about the customs. Raja Tej Singh observed that there would be a deficiency in the customs of 5 or 6 lacs, upon which

the Mir said that if the management of the Salt Department were made over to him, he would increase the amount paid at present to Government by two lacs."

19th August.

1. In the morning the Resident, accompanied by Mr. John Lawrence, paid a visit to Raja Tej Singh at his house and informed him that he had received directions from the Governor-General to procure the removal of the Maharanee to the fort of Shekhupoor. The Sirdars present, on being made acquainted with the contents of the despatch, professed their readiness to carry out the Governor-General's views. I directed them to make the arrangements necessary for the conveyance of the Maharanee from Lahore to Shekhupoor, and told them that I would return in the afternoon.

2. "After the departure of the Resident the Chiefs determined that the Maharaja should be sent in the afternoon under the care of Sirdar Golab Singh, Atareewalla, to the Shaleemar Gardens, and that he should remain there for a few days. Sestee Lall, Resaldar, was directed to proceed with his Sowars to Goozur Tekreewallah towards the Ravce, and Sirdar Utter Singh, Kaliawallah, was requested to furnish an additional 100 Sowars to join the former."

3. "The sum of 2,81,000 rupees was received from Dewan Moolraj, Nazim of Mooltan."

4. "Sirdar Sher Singh informed the Durbar that the Sowars appointed to ensure the passage of the Ranee over the Ravce had received their orders."

5. In the afternoon the Resident attended Durbar in company with Mr. J. Lawrence and the Assistants. After the departure of the Maharaja for the Shaleemar gardens, Raja Tej Singh recommended that the Sirdars should go in a body and advise the Maharanee that orders had been received from the Governor-General to remove her to Shekhupoor. The Sirdars after consulting together said that they thought it would be better if one of my Assistants were to accompany them to the Shesh Mahal and were to remain there while they (the Sirdars) informed the Maharanee of the fate in store for her. This was accordingly done (the Sirdars not having courage enough to go by themselves). The Sirdars told the Maharanee that she must take her

departure accompanied by her maids of honor, and taking with her all her effects, upon which she expressed her willingness to obey the Governor-General's orders. I then quitted the Shesh Mahal, leaving one of my Assistants with instructions to remain until Her Highness had left the fort. In a short time she got into her *doolie* and left the Palace, her attendants following her on elephants. Sirdars Boor Singh, Goormukh Singh, Urjun Singh, and Ujoodia Pursad, Poorubia, with two companies of Sepoys, were instructed by the Durbar to attend Her Highness on the road to Shekhupoor. The Maharanee cried out after leaving the fort and when she was near the cantonment of Enam Shah, said that she little expected that Tej Singh and the other Sirdars would treat her in this manner. She complained that she had sent for the Resident and the British Army for the protection of herself, but could not say that the Resident had done much for her. She observed that as they had seized and sent off to Shekhupoor an innocent woman, who had never given any offence, she was resolved to go to London and get Tej Singh well punished. She declared further that she had never done anything against Tej Singh. The *cortège* after leaving the town arrived at the river, and, crossing over, passed the night at Suknee on the other side. During the night a heavy rain came on and drenched the attendants of the Ranee. The maids of honor consoled with the Ranee on the position of the Maharaja, who would be left alone without any one to protect him, to which she replied that it was the will of fate.

20th August.

1. "Some city cases were decided at the morning Durbar in the presence of Major Macgregor."

2. "Sirdar Sher Singh informed Raja Tej Singh that the Resident had advised that the Maharaja should remain in the Shalcemar gardens until the afternoon, and that he should then be told of the departure of the Maharanee for Shekhupoor."

3. "Mungla, who is residing in the house of the late Jemadar Khoshal Singh, said that if an examination were made into her accounts, it would be found that the sum of 40,000 rupees was due to her, and declared that she would not leave until her accounts were adjusted." The Durbar has, I believe, a claim against Mungla to the extent of a few thousand rupees; her accounts are under examination.

4. "The Huzara Akhbar stated that the officers of the troops stationed there had neglected to send in to Captain Abbott returns of the number of men under their command. A *perwanah* was consequently sent to these officers directing them to furnish the required returns as quickly as possible, and at the same time to send a copy to Lahore."

5. "Bhal Chujon Singh and a Sepoy were brought up before the Durbar on an accusation of having said, at the time when the Maharanee was leaving the town, that if they could have their own way they would not allow the Ranee to be seized in this manner and sent away from Lahore. They denied having said so, whereupon Raja Tej Singh remarked that the impertinence of seditious people in the city would not be put a stop to until some of them were severely punished."

21st August.

1. "The Maharaja expressed a wish to return to the fort, upon which his attendants informed him that he would be allowed to go in the evening. He said: "Perhaps I am detained in confinement, as I am not able to leave without permission."

2. "Sirdar Golab Singh, who is in attendance on the Maharaja, informed the Durbar that His Highness did not express any sign of grief upon being informed that the Maharanee had been sent off to Shekhupoorah." It is evident however that the Maharaja is downcast at being separated from his mother: it would be very unnatural were it otherwise.

3. "The Sowars deputed by Sirdar Sher Singh to wait upon the Maharanee on her trip to Shekhupoorah presented themselves at Durbar, and stated that Her Highness had arrived there safely."

4. "An *amre* was received from Sirdar Boor Singh stating that the Maharanee was suffering inconvenience from the want of her personal property. Orders were immediately given for sending all that was required." On the evening of Her Highness' departure she was informed that all her property would be sent the next morning and that in the meantime they would remain in the custody of her brother, Sirdar Heera Singh.

5. "The Sirdars inspected the presents proposed to be sent from the Durbar to the Governor-General, and directed *khillats* for the Resident and Captain Edwardes to be sent to the Shalcemar Gardens, where the Durbar was to be held in the evening."

6. "The officers of the Moitee Mundur treasury were directed to repay to the Resident, out of the amount forwarded from Mooltan, the sum of 2 lacs advanced by him for the pay of the Cavalry."

7. "Major Bal Singh stated that the Maharanee had declared that all the Sirdars who had behaved so infamously to her would receive their reward from Providence."

8. "A *perwanah* was addressed to Dewan Moolraj, Nazim of Mooltan, directing him to summon the plaintiffs and defendants in all cases occurring within his district, and, after taking their depositions and the evidence of witnesses, to send his opinion on the case to the Durbar, who would issue orders thereupon."

9. "Dewan Deena Nath read over a proclamation signed by Mr. John Lawrence conveying the orders of the Governor-General to this effect:—Since the Maharanee took it upon herself to interest herself in State affairs in opposition to the measures of the existing Government and conducted herself in such a manner as to endanger the lives of the councillors, it was necessary to separate her from the Maharaja lest he also should imbibe sentiments hostile to the members of the Durbar, and that for this purpose it had been deemed expedient to remove her to Shekhiupoorah."

10. "Durbar was held in the evening at the Shalcemar Gardens. Fukeer Noor-ood-deen read over a notification from the Governor-General stating that Mr. John Lawrence had been appointed to act in the place of Colonel Lawrence as Resident of Lahore during the latter's absence on sick leave to Simla, and desiring that the same friendly relations might be maintained as previously between the two Governments. Raja Tej Singh stated that Badamoon had come on the part of the Maharanee to enquire after the welfare of the Maharaja and to take charge of Her Highness' property. A *khillut* of 31 pieces of cloths with jewels and a horse were then presented to the Resident, another *khillut* was given to Captain Edwardes, after which the Resident and he took leave of the Sirdars and departed on their journey."

11. "The Maharaja, after the Durbar was broken up, returned to the Summun Boorj."

Copies of the following documents are herewith enclosed:—

No. 1.—Major G. Lawrence's Diary from 8th to 14th August 1847.

No. 2.—Lieutenant Taylor's ditto No. 12, from 2nd to 8th August 1847.

No. 3.—Mr. P. Vans Agnew's ditto from 18th to 24th July 1847.

No. 4.—Major G. Lawrence's Peshawur Diary from 15th to 21st August 1847.

No. 5.—Captain Abbott's Journal from 13th to 27th July.

No. 6.— Ditto ditto 29th July to 9th August.

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Political Diary of the Agent, Governor-General, North-West Frontier, and Resident at Lahore, from the 22nd to the 28th of August 1847.

SUMMARY OF PUNJAB INTELLIGENCE.

22nd August.

1. "Sirdar Runjore Singh, Majeethia, waited upon Dewan Deena Nath and requested that he would endeavour to make Mr. John Lawrence take a favorable view of his case. The Dewan replied that his case had been communicated to the Governor-General and that there was no distinction between Mr. John Lawrence and the Resident."

2. "Lalia Munglee Lal communicated the contents of a *roobakaree* from Mr. John Lawrence recommending the Durbar to bestow pensions upon all soldiers who may have been 40 years in the service of Government. Another *roobakaree* sent by the Acting Resident was produced forbidding soldiers, stationed at the ghats on this side of the Sutlej and the Beas, from levying fees on any Government servants, under pain of punishment." The *roobakaree* regarding pensions recommended, in

addition to the above that soldiers having served 15 years, and who have been disabled by wounds or by sickness, should receive pensions on half pay, and that pensions on half pay should also be granted to the families of soldiers killed in action.

23rd August.

1. "Intelligence was received that the Panches of Umritsur had presented a complimentary address to the Resident on his arrival there."

2. "In reply to an *urree* of the zemindars of Kunar complaining of the oppression of Bhace Mahoon Singh, they were informed that their statement did not clearly set forth whether they had paid the amount of Government revenue due by them or not, and they were instructed first to pay the demand made against them, after which any complaint they might make would be attended to."

24th August.

1. Durbar was held at Anarkullee. I spoke to Dewan Deena Nath about the necessity of having each head in the 41-column Statement analyzed so that I might be acquainted with the details of each column. I informed the Durbar that the steamer which was to have come up the river to Ferozepore would now go back and try the river Ravee, but if a deficiency of water should be found in that river, that it would come up the Chenab. I requested that all necessary preparations might be made in case it should come up the latter river. Major Macgregor enquired whether the Durbar had issued orders for the erection of dawk bungalows between this and Ferozepore. The Dewan replied that a *barandura* had been prepared at Lulleenah and that suitable places would be got ready at Ummur Sodhoo, Kana Kutch and Kusoor. I stated that the Governor-General wished to get returns of the income and expenditure of the Government Treasuries. The Dewan replied that Mier Meg Raj would be directed to send the returns required.

2. "Sirdar Kanhi Singh, Majeethia, was reprimanded for his delay in preparing a building at Kusoor for the accommodation of travellers."

3. "*Perwanahs* were addressed to all the Kardars on the banks of the Ravee directing them to send in statements of the quantity of water in the river and to prepare all necessary supplies in case the steamer should come that way. A *perwanah* to the same effect was sent

to the Dewan Moolraj, Nazim of Mooltan, in case the steamer should come up the Chenab."

4. "Orders were despatched to all the Kardars directing them to send in, from the commencement of the *rubbee* crop, returns of the amount of money paid into their Treasuries and of the sums disbursed in the shape of pay, whether to civil officers or to the troops of their several districts."

25th August.

1. "Several cases were disposed of by Mr. Cocks at the morning Durbar."

2. "Lala Munglee Lall requested that no time might be lost in issuing the proclamation concerning the Maharanee. Orders were accordingly given to Fakeer Noor-ood-deen."

3. "Muhtab Deveekce, Ranee of the late Maharaja, represented through her confidant that the *jageer* in Jummoo which had been conferred on her by the Sirkar had been confiscated by the officers of Maharaja Golab Singh. A *perwanah* was addressed accordingly to Raie Kishun Chund stating that it had been arranged between Dewan Deena Nath and Dewan Jowala Suhai, confidant of Maharaja Golab Singh, that all *jageers* and *dhurmurths* of Ghorechurras and others situated within the territory of Maharaja Golab Singh between the rivers Ravee and Chenab should remain in the possession of the present holders and that they should not be in any way interfered with by the officers of the Maharaja. The Vakeel was instructed further to make known the case to Mr. John Lawrence."

26th August.

1. "Raja Tej Singh returned in the morning from his trip to Umritsur, whither he had accompanied the Resident."

2. "Fakeer Noor-ood-deen read over a complimentary letter from the Governor-General to the Maharaja expressing His Lordship's satisfaction at the title of Raja having been conferred upon Tej Singh and congratulating the rest of the Sirdars upon their acquisition of titles and honors. The Sirdars were much pleased with the contents of the letter."

3. "An *urree* was received from Kazeer Kureem Buksh stating that several of the Kardars of his *silla* had brought complaints before Mr. Nicholson of the oppression of Futteh Khan, Gebha."

4. "A *roobakaree* was received from Mr. John Lawrence requesting the Durbar to despatch as quickly as possible to Simla the presents intended for the Governor-General."

5. "Raja Tej Singh sent Uthur Mul and Umreek Roy to Mungla, who is living in the house of the late Jemadar Khoshal Singh, requesting her to adjust her accounts and take her departure immediately. On her accounts being inspected it appeared that a balance of 26,500 rupees was due from her, out of which 1,500 was remitted, while the above Moot-suddes were instructed to direct her to pay up the remaining 25,000. After a great waste of time and numerous excuses from Mungla, she at last consented to give bonds for the sum of 20,000 rupees due by her on account of the estate held by her in farm from the Sirkar."

6. "A *perwanah* was received from the Maharanee stating that all her property which had been sent through Ram Pursad, orderly, had been safely delivered and that she was well contented. She requested that all her other effects might also be despatched, and expressed a wish to receive intelligence of the Maharaja's welfare."

The Maharanee shall be kept informed of the Maharaja's welfare.

27th August.

1. "Major Macgregor attended the morning Durbar, at which several cases were decided. Among others one was brought forward in which a person of the name of Duttoo Shah brought a claim for 5,500 rupees against Mungla. On her being questioned as to the demand, she acknowledged she had borrowed the sum in question, but stated that it was for the Ranee and not for herself. A *perwanah* was accordingly addressed to Sirdar Boor Singh directing him to enquire respectfully from the Ranee whether, as stated by Mungla, this sum had been borrowed on her account."

2. "A *perwanah* was sent to Dewan Moolraj, Nazim of Mooltan, directing him to send without delay a return of all the troops in his district, horse and foot, as well as the number of guns." I requested the Durbar to call for the return alluded to.

3. "Raie Kishen Chund stated that the Maharanee had sent two letters to the Resident, one addressed to him and the other to the Governor-General, and that the Resident in reply had informed Her Highness that the Maharaja was in good health and well contented, and that the Governor-General was doing all in his power to promote His Highness' welfare."

4. "An *urree* was received from Colonel Bhag Singh enclosing a list of 77 men absent from his regiment, and who he requested might be directed to join immediately. The Durbar ordered them to be dismissed from service."

5. "Sirdars Boor Singh and Goormookh Singh were instructed to appoint a family priest and priestess to attend upon the Ranee on occasion of her making offerings."

6. "Fakeer Noor-ood-deen requested that if he were to accompany the deputation to Simla the same preparations might be made for him, in the shape of *khillats*, *sepoy*s, expenses for the road and means of conveyance, as had been made in former days for Azeez-ood-deen when he accompanied the deputations from the late Maharaja Runjeet Singh to the Governor-General. The Durbar in reply informed him that the same form would be observed as in the time of the late Maharaja."

28th August.

1. I attended Durbar accompanied by my Assistants. Raja Tej Singh presented 5,000 rupees as a donation for the School at Kusowlee for soldiers' children. I complimented him on his generosity. The Maharaja also promised to make a donation for the benefit of the School. I requested that Misr Rula Ram and Misr Saheb Diyul might be sent to me on their return from Umritsur in order to make arrangements for drawing up a table of customs duties. The Dewan and Raja Tej Singh said that a proper scale of customs duties would be of great benefit both to the Sickar and to merchants. I enquired whether the statements of the receipts and expenditure of the districts under the several Kardars had been drawn up. The Dewan replied that notifications had been sent to all the Kardars directing them to forward the required statements and that they would be ready in the course of ten days. I then went to inspect the presents intended for the Governor-General. Some

arrangements were made regarding the Maharanee which I directed to be sent to Sirdar Boor Singh at Shekhupoorah (*sic*).

2. "*Perwanahs* were sent to all the Kardars directing them to send within a period of ten days statements of the income and expenditure of their several districts."

3. "Mungla requested that her confidant Ramjee Mul might be released from imprisonment, stating that she would pay up the sum of 20,000 rupees due by her to the Sirkar. Bukhahee Bhuggut Ram was accordingly directed to receive the sum payable by her, and orders were passed for the release of Ramjee Mul."

4. "Information was received that 17,000 rupees were due by Ram Chund, Kardar of Wuzeerabad, on account of the *rubber* season of his district, upon which orders were sent to him to pay this amount immediately."

Copies of the following documents are enclosed:—

- 1.—Lieutenant Taylor's Diary No. 13, from 9th to 15th August.
- 2.—Mr. Vans Agnew's Diary from 1st to 7th August.

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SUMMARY OF PUNJAB INTELLIGENCE.

29th August.

1. "An *urree* was received from Dewan Moolraj, Nazim of Mooltan, acknowledging the receipt of a *perwanah* from the Sirkar directing notifications to be issued prohibiting *suttee*, infanticide and compulsory labor. The Dewan stated that he had previously to this himself given orders for the suppression of *suttee* and infanticide, and that the system of compulsory labor did not exist in his district. He was in reply complimented on his good management and attention to the orders of the Sirkar."

2. "Sirdar Boor Singh requested that orders might be sent to the zemindars of Khoorree to allow the water of the river Bakhu Bujuwalee

to flow through the district of Shekhupoorah, as in the time of Runjeet Singh; orders were issued accordingly."

3. "The Peshawur Akhbar stated that there was the sum of 80,000 rupees in the treasury, a larger amount than had ever before been known to be in deposit."

4. "Rale Kishun Chund produced a *roobakares* from Mr. John Lawrence requesting the Durbar to inflict punishment upon all the persons against whom participation in the Prema conspiracy had been substantiated. The Sirdars said they would take Mr. J. Lawrence's opinion on the subject."

5. "Mier Moolraj, brother of Mier Meg Raj, who had been sent to the Doab for the purpose of bringing to Lahore the property and money of Sheikh Emamooddeen, made his appearance on his return and stated that he had brought with him all the Sheikh's effects, and had paid 45,000 into the Treasury of the British Government on account of the *jagcers* of Sirdar Lehna Singh."

30th August.

1. "Baba Luchmun Singh was asked what has caused Sirdar Lehna Singh to delay so long at Umritsur; he replied that the Sirdar had been making preparations for his marriage. Again the Sirdar had talked a great deal in Durbar of the capital road he had made under his superintendence from Lahore to Umritsur, and which had only cost 12,000 rupees, whereas on Raja Tej Singh's visit to the latter place in company with the Resident there was not the slightest sign to be seen of a made road, and the only road there was, was inexpressibly bad." I believe that a distance of about 6 miles of Lehna Singh's new road has been completed. Captain Longden, Her Majesty's 10th Regiment, who is making a traverse survey of the country between Umritsur and Lahore, has been directed to look at Lehna Singh's new road and to report upon it.

2. "The sum of 7,500 rupees was divided among the members of the deputation despatched to the Governor-General, as follows:—

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| To Sirdar Shumshere Singh | ... | 2,500 |
| " Sirdar Utter Singh | ... | 2,500 |
| " Fakeer Noor-ood-deen | ... | 2,000 |
| " Jemadar Lala Choonnee Lal | ... | 500 |

3. "Dewan Hakim Roy presented himself and offered a *nuzzur* to the Durbar, who asked him why he had conducted himself so ill at Peshawur. He replied that he had always done his utmost in accordance with the instructions of Major G. Lawrence and Sirdar Golab Singh. Rafe Kishun Chund told him to keep up his spirits and said that it was a matter of not a little astonishment that both he and Dewan Kishen Koowur had been deprived of their appointments, as they were both of them known to be vigilant in the discharge of their duties and well-wishers of the Sirkar."

4. "A news-writer has been appointed for the purpose of reporting upon the Maharanee's proceedings at Shekhupoorah."

31st August.

1. Durbar was held at Anarkullee. Dewan Deena Nath informed me that Sirdar Mungul Singh had been appointed to the judicial charge of the district lying between the rivers Ravee and Chenab, and that he would make Wuzeerabad his head-quarters. I complained of the oppression of the Kardars against the cultivators, and pointed out the injustice of the system of allowing the Kardars to exercise judicial authority over them, and said that it was necessary to have some superior authority over the Kardars to control their actions and to whom the ryots might address their grievances. I enquired whether the Kardars had sent in returns of the receipts and expenditure of their several districts. The Dewan replied that the returns were expected in the course of a few days. I informed the Durbar that the Cavalry stationed at Peshawur complained of not having received their pay, to which the Dewan and Raja Tej Singh replied that an order should be sent to Sirdar Golab Singh to pay them out of the treasury of Peshawur. The Durbar requested that with the concurrence of the Resident something might be taken off the sum of 22 lacs which was to be paid annually for the support of the British troops. I stated that the income of the Lahore State was 1,65,00,000 according to the present estimate, but that the Kardars were extremely remiss in paying up the revenues of their various districts, and that without punishing some of them and introducing a system of monthly returns of receipts and expenditure for each Kardarship, it would be difficult to ensure the regular receipt of this sum. I then remonstrated with the Durbar on their not having as yet adjusted

the accounts of Sirdar Runjore Singh, Sheikh Emam-ood-deen and Mistr Umeer Chund, and advised them to set their Mootsuddees to work without delay. The Sirdars replied that any Kardar losing time in sending in the required returns should be well punished.

2. "On the Sirdars' return to the Dewan-ee-Am they sent for the Vakeels of all the Kardars and directed them to inform their masters that if they shewed any delay in obeying the orders of the Durbar they would suffer for it. The Vakeels promised to do as directed, and were ordered to give an acknowledgment to produce the required statements within a week, on failure of which agreement they are informed they would be sent off to Govindgurh and their masters be turned out of their appointments and imprisoned."

3. "Mungla requested that her brother Utter Singh's pay might be granted to him, and that a conveyance for herself with *perwanahs* for the road and a recommendation to Mr. Barnes at Kangra might be bestowed upon herself. Orders were given accordingly."

4. "The Vakeel of Bishun Singh, Kardar of Zufroowal, was informed that there was a balance of 80,000 rupees against his master which he must pay up without delay."

1st September.

1. "Kishun Chund, Vakeel of Sirdar Heera Singh, was directed to make the best of his way to Deenanugur in company with his master, whom he is to instruct to reside there in retirement."

2. "Directions were sent to Dewan Moolraj of Pind Dadun Khan to collect together all the salt received from the beginning of October, and not on any account to sell it except by order of the Sirkar. If sold its price is to be 2 rupees per maund. Further, all holders of *dhurmurths* who receive their payments in salt are from the beginning of October to receive money in lieu of it."

2nd September.

1. "In accordance with a *roobakaree* from Mr. J. Lawrence orders were issued for sending two months' allowance to Rajah Lal Singh for the months of July and August, and directions were given that his monthly allowance should be paid regularly."

2. "It was reported that Dewan Moolraj of Pind Dadun Khan and Raj Roop, Kardar of Kuchee, &c., had not as yet collected a farthing of the rents of their districts, but that they totally disregarded the frequent orders of the Durbar." I will see to this.

3. "It having been proved that Mungla had borrowed the sum of 5,500 rupees from Dutto Shah and that this sum had been applied to the use of the Maharanee, as acknowledged by Her Highness, orders were given to Mistr Meg Raj to pay the amount and to deduct it from the monthly allowance made to Her Highness."

3rd September.

1. "Major Macgregor attended the morning Durbar, when several cases were decided in his presence."

2. "Bukshah Bhugut Ram stated that 90,000 rupees had been dispatched for the pay of the regular troops stationed at Lukkee, Pind Dadun Khan, Ramnuggur and Shahpoor."

3. "Dewan Deena Nath, assisted by several Mootusuddees, inspected the accounts of the districts of Sukhoo, Meenace, Ramnuggur, Dunguh, Kiuree Khureealee, Mungoowal and Salwal, which had been under the management of Mistr Umeer Chund, when a balance of 14,000 rupees was made out against him."

4. "Sirdar Boor Singh sent an *urree* stating that the Maharanee had written another letter to the Resident."

5. "The Mooltan Akhbar mentioned that one of the Kardars of Dewan Moolraj had imprisoned without any cause of offence a person named Soojala Kumlanah, inhabitant of the district of Sherkot, the Kardars of which place sent information to Mistr Rula Ram. A *perwanah* was sent to the Dewan remonstrating with him on the behaviour of his Kardars and reminding him of the injunctions of the Resident to suppress any bickering among the Kardars under his control and of those of other places."

6. "In accordance with a request made by Gunput Roy, in charge of the magazines, orders were given that the sum of 4,500 rupees should be made over to him for the purpose of procuring all the ammunition required."

7. "Orders were given to Bakshee Bhugut Ram to change once a month the company of Sepoys of the regiment of Adjoodia Pershad, stationed at Shekhuipoorah, to guard the Rancee."

8. "An *urree* was received from Fakeer Taj-ood-deen stating that a Sepoy named Luchmun Singh, stationed in the fort of Gobindgurh, had gone to the temple of Umritsur and severely wounded two of the sons of Peara Singh with a sword. The sepoy appears to have made himself out to be mad; he has been apprehended. The Sirdars directed a full account of the case to be sent."

4th September.

1. "Information was received from General Cortlandt that Dewan Dowlut Roy had left for Lahore without distributing pay to his troops. Orders were therefore sent to him to pay them immediately, informing him that if he did not do so he would be severely punished."

2. I attended the morning Durbar in company with my Assistants. Raja Tej Singh remarked that if the privilege of publicly calling to prayers were allowed to the Moosulmans, it would meet with much opposition from many Sikhs. The Dewan stated that an answer had been written to the complimentary letter of the Governor-General and that it should be sent for my inspection. In reply to my enquiries, I was informed that the Bakshee Bhugut Ram's account was made up, and that that of Bhaic Hurree Singh, tax gatherer of Lahore, was in course of preparation. I requested that Sirdar Mungul Singh might be directed to take charge as soon as possible of the district over which he is to exercise judicial authority, as there were a large number of cases pending, and at the same time advised that a deputy should be appointed according to the Sirdar's recommendation. Raja Tej Singh stated that Sheikh Emam-ood-deen's account had been made out. I directed the accounts of the Motee Mundur treasury and of the Toshakhanah to be adjusted and sent to me. The Dewan made some remarks about the difficulty of preparing all these accounts, but I told him that with a little trouble they might easily be made out, and that the only way to make matters straight would be to insist upon every one's account being adjusted, and to make each person responsible for his own particular department.

3. "Misr Rula Ram presented a plan of the district of Jhung, with a statement of its miscellaneous revenue under various heads, with which the Sirdars were much pleased."

4. "On the accounts of the Kardarship of Goozurat, which is under the control of Misr Umeer Chund, being adjusted a balance of 20,000 rupees was found against Ruttun Chund, Kardar of the district."

5. "This being the 9th anniversary of the Maharaja's birthday the *tilak* was marked on his forehead, and the sum of 2,000 rupees with dresses and other ornaments was presented to the Brahmins. A salute of 11 guns was fired in honour of His Highness. During the firing of the salute a piece of masonry, having been displaced by the firing, fell from the roof of the Dewan-ee-Am and killed Jeth Singh, an orderly of Raja Tej Singh. All the Sirdars presented *nuzzurs* to the Maharaja according to custom."

6. "News was received from Umritsur that one of the sons of Pearsa Singh, who was wounded by Luchmun Singh, Sepoy, has since died and that the other is not likely to survive. Churn Singh, son of Shere Singh, the third person wounded, is also not expected to recover. The sepoy has been imprisoned in Gobindgurb. The Sirdars stated that the sepoy must have been actuated by some motive other than madness."

7. "An *urree* was received from General Cortlandt stating that the sum of 14,000 rupees had been allowed him out of the Treasury of Pind Dadun Khan for the support of the horses of the artillery with him, but that there was not a pice in the Treasury. He therefore requested that this sum might be paid to him from some other source. He also complained that Dewan Dowlut Roy had not paid the soldiers stationed in the forts of Dera Ismael Khan. Stringent orders were sent to the Dewan to pay the soldiers their dues without delay."

8. "The sum of 500 rupees was ordered to be divided among the Mootusuddces, who had prepared the 41-column Statement."

9. "The rents of the district of Dhunnee, under the management of Misr Umeer Chund, which formerly amounted to 12,000 rupees, have been raised by Dewan Deena Nath to 16,000 rupees; at the same time the revenue of the salt mines has been increased by 2 lacs of rupees yearly. This is also under the control of Misr Umeer Chund."

The following documents are enclosed :—

- 1.—Captain Abbott's Journal from 13th to 29th August.
- 2.—Major Lawrence's Peshawur Diary from 22nd to 28th August.
- 3.—Lieutenant Taylor's Diary No. 14 from 16th to 22nd August.

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VISITS PAID AND RECEIVED.

30th August.

Khaleefa Noor-ood-deen—to take leave, Sirdar Shere Singh, Attareewallah—friendly visit. Sirdar Utter Singh, Kaleewallah—to report that certain Ghorchurras have been paid and discharged. Shahzad Singh, Gurjakea; Munglee Lall, Moonshee of Raie Kishun Chund—with report from the Durbar.

Suddanund, Moonshee of Ruttun Chund with long beard—with Akhbars. Nawab Surfraz Khan, Mooltanwallah, with his sons, grandsons and nephews—friendly visit.

Nizam-ood-dowlah Oosman Khan, Vuzeer of the late Shah Shooja-ood-dowlah—regarding his pension which Government have granted. Moulvee Zahoor-ood-deen—to show specimen of the Maharajah's handwriting.

31st August.

Rajah Tej Singh; Sirdars Shere Singh Attareewallah, Shumshere Singh, Lehna Singh Majeethia, and Utter Singh Kaleewallah; Dewan Deena Nath; Fakeer Noor-ood-deen; Raie Kishun Chund; Bhaie Nidhan Singh, the Durbar—to discuss certain matters connected with the money due to Government.

Bhag Singh, son of Raie Kishun Chund—to pay his respects. Moonshee Munglee Lall—with papers from Durbar. Bukhshee Bhuggut Ram—to pay his respects and report that the troops had been paid. Bawa Fakeer Bukhish; Ram Chund, the report-writer; Ram Chund, Moherwallah; Bhace Hur Gopal; Dewan Busakha Singh; Mir Ummer Chund; Sirdar Kanh Singh, father-in-law of Rajah Lal Singh; Dewans Hakim Raie and Kishun Koonwur; Sirdar Ruttun Singh; Mir Mool Raj; Bawa Luchmun Singh; Sooltan Uhmud Ally; Sirdars Mungul Singh and Ram Singh; Bukhshee Kunhya Lall; Bhaie Ummer Bukhish; General Hursookh Raie—to pay their respects.

1st September.

Raie Kishun Chund—to report that the deputation had started for Simla. Bhag Singh, son of Raie Kishun Chund, with his father; Moonshee Munglee Lall and Moonshee Suddamund of Ruttun Chund, with large beard—with respects. Fakeer Zahoor-ood-deen—to report the Maharajah's progress in writing.

2nd September.

Bhag Singh, son of Raie Kishun Chund—to pay his respects. Asanund, Vakeel of Mooltanwallah; Sacc Lall, Vakeel of Shere Singh; and Mool Singh, Vakeel of Rajah Tej Singh—with compliments from their masters.

3rd September.

Bhag Singh, son of Raie Kishun Chund—to pay his respects. Dewan Deena Nath; Misrs Rullea Ram, and Saheb Diyal—to discuss customs.

4th September.

Misr Saheb Diyal; Bhag Singh, son of Raie Kishun Chund, Vakeel; Sirdars Mungul Singh, Heera Singh with Ummer Singh and Kishun Chund, Vakeel; Moonshee Munglee Lall.

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**Political Diary of the Agent, Governor-General, North-
West Frontier, and Resident at Lahore, from the
5th to the 11th September 1847.**

SUMMARY OF PUNJAB INTELLIGENCE.

5th September.

1. "Raja Tej Singh, Dewan Deena Nath and others conversed with Moulvee Rujub Ali concerning the permission granted to the Moosulmans to call publicly to prayers, when some of the members of the Durbar remarked that such permission had never been granted before, and that if allowed it would be strongly objected to by many Seikhs."

2. " Raja Tej Singh complained of the delay made by the Dewan in drawing up regulations for the district of Siyalkot."

3. " The Umritsur Akhbars mentioned that Fakeer Taj-ood-deen had issued an order prohibiting any soldier of the fort of Govindgurh from visiting Umritsur, in consequence of the murder which took place the other day in the Durbar Sahib."

4. " An *urzee* was received from Deen Mahomed, Dufree, stating that, in accordance with the orders of the Sirkar, notifications had been issued throughout the district of Jhung prohibiting *suttee*, infanticide and compulsory labour."

6th September.

1. " An *urzee* was produced from Fakeer Noor-ood-deen and Lala Choonee Lal announcing their arrival at Muteewal."

2. " The Sirdars said that if any Brahman were found to assert that the present year would be unlucky for the Maharaja, he would be well punished."

3. " Sirdar Lehna Singh was directed to provide a place of residence for Sirdar Heera Singh in Deenanugur and to make arrangements for securing to him a yearly allowance of 12,000 rupees."

4. " *Perwanahs* were sent to all the Kardars on the banks of the Chenab reprimanding them for not having answered the previous *perwanahs* of the Sirkar directing them to provide, at fitting distances, supplies of fuel for the steamer, in case it should come up that river."

5. " Sirdar Mungul Singh was directed to select as his deputy one of the three candidates for the appointment, *viz.*, Lala Ununt Ram, Debi Dutta Mul and Baba Sunt Singh. The Sirdar chose the first. *Khillats* were then presented to the Sirdar and his deputy." Ununt Ram exercised judicial authority in Lahore in the time of Runjeet Singh, and on one occasion put Golab Singh, Povindiah, now Nazim of Peshawur, into confinement on account of his having set upon and wounded a soldier.

6. " An *urzee* was received from Sookh Raj, late Kardar of Khatir, stating that Mr. Nicholson has asked him whether he had given redress to the zemindars of his district, to which he had replied that all he had

collected had been paid into the Treasury of the Sirkar: on Mr. Nicholson's enquiring why he had levied more than the proper amount, he answered that he had done so according to the orders formerly given by Raja Lal Singh and Mir Umeer Chund. The *arare* mentioned that if such an arrangement were to be made as the zemindars desired, it would be necessary to repay them at least a lac of rupees. Bhag Singh was instructed to make known the case to Mr. John Lawrence."

7. "Dewan Udjoodhya Prasad wrote to the Durbar requesting that the rates of revenue of five villages in the district of Teg Chund, Kardar, might be sent to him, and stating that Captain Abbott had made arrangements that the Rajas of Khukur should receive *jagiers* in the district of Rawulpindee in lieu of those formerly held by them in the Kohistan."

7th September.

1. Durbar was held at Anarkullee. Raja Tej Singh informed me that the sepoy who had wounded the Bhaia in Umritsur had been apprehended. I requested that orders might be issued prohibiting any of the soldiers stationed at Govindgurh from wearing arms on occasions of their visiting Umritsur. Sirdar Lelina Singh stated that bungalows would be erected for the accommodation of travellers on the road from Lahore, either to Bhyrowal or Gugruwal, but that he would be obliged by having a plan of the buildings required given to him, which I requested Major Macgregor to give. In answer to my enquiries Dewan Deena Nath stated that the sum of 20,000 rupees due by Mungia had been paid up. I requested the Durbar to make out a daily account of the receipts and expenditure of the State. I expressed to the Durbar my astonishment at the large sum of 35,000 rupees having been expended in payment of salaries to the Mootusuddees in Huzara, on which the Dewan remarked that "the pen sprung from the sword." I informed the Sirdars that it would be advisable to send the new scale of customs to the Durbar for revision, and requested them to return it to me after inspection, recommending at the same time any such alteration as they might think proper, after which it would be passed into law.

2. "A *perwanah* was sent to Sooruj Bhan fining him 200 rupees in accordance with the recommendation of Major Macgregor for forgery."

3. "According to the directions of the Acting Resident, Juwahir Mal, Kardar of Goojranwalla, was directed to send, within the space of 8 or 10 days, a complete account of the district assigned to his charge, including a statement of the *lambardars* and the number of villages."

4. "Bhaic Ameer Buksh was directed to set off without delay for Dera Ismael Khan."

5. "A *perwanah* was addressed to Dhara Singh, Colonel of Artillery, expressing the Durbar's dissatisfaction with his conduct during the skirmish which took place with the Gundghurrias. When ordered by Captain Abbott to be in readiness with his ammunition, it appears that he was not provided with a single thing, notwithstanding that he had received all that he could possibly require on his departure from Lahore."

6. "Sookhiraj, late Kardar of Khatir, was reprimanded for acting contrary to the orders of the Durbar as regards the *zemindars* of his district. He had received instructions to give them redress by lessening the amount of revenue demanded from them, instead of which the first thing he did on going there was to collect the arrears of the *rubbee* season of 1903. He was directed to return the amount collected to the *zemindars* and to take Mr. Nicholson's advice as to granting them redress."

8th September.

1. "Mr. Cocks attended the morning Durbar, and complained of the insubordination of several Kardars, who had neglected to execute the orders given to them both by himself and Sirdar Kanh Singh. *Perwanahs* were accordingly issued to Devi Diyal, Kardar of Kadurabad, Roop Chund, Kardar of Sutgurb, and others, informing them that on repetition of such misconduct they would be fined 100 rupees. Some cases were then brought forward by Mr. Cocks and decided by the Durbar."

2. "Munglee Lal, Vakeel, informed the Durbar that he had received orders from Mr. John Lawrence to request the Durbar to issue notifications to all Kardars prohibiting them from levying fines in any case without the express orders of the judicial authorities."

3. "Bhag Singh, son of Rale Kishun Chund, was directed to send Mr. John Lawrence the Maharaja's reply to the Governor-General's *khureeta*."

4. "The Akhbar of Shekhupoorra stated that the Maharanee had been rehearsing the old story of her having sent for the English Troops for the protection of herself, and of the ingratitude and disloyalty of the Sirdars towards her. She said that what the Resident had written about the Maharaja being happy and contented was all nonsense."

5. "The accounts of Peshawur, during the time of Sirdars Shere Singh and Aotar Singh, were then inspected. A balance of 1,38,000 rupees was found to be due to the Government, out of which the sum of 18,473 rupees was owing by the above Sirdars. The remainder was due by the several Kardars. The Dufuree Ram Das, who made out the account, refused to put his seal to it." I will examine these accounts myself. "The Durbar then referred to the new laws and customs and spoke of them as a measure very creditable to the Durbar and Resident. It was remarked that the effect of the abolition of the duties on corn, *gher*, etc., will be to reduce at once the price of food, and thus confer a blessing on the poorer classes of the people. The Chiefs wound up by saying that the measure will spread the good name of the Durbar far and wide."

9th September.

1. "The Huzara Akhbar stated that Captain Abbott had made arrangements for reducing the number of Mootusuddces and writers stationed there."

2. "The following *jagters* were ordered to be granted to Rancee Bhooree out of the district of Souryan in lieu of those formerly belonging to her in the Doab, which have been confiscated:—

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| " | Mouza Minaree Kulan, valued at rupees 1,127 | |
| " | Sujoo " " " | 255 |
| " | Chuk Futteh Khan " " | 608 |
| " | Chuk Siyareed " " | 110 " |

10th September.

1. "Several cases were decided at the morning Durbar in the presence of Major Macgregor."

2. "According to a request made by Dewan Deena Nath, directions were sent to Sirdar Runjore Singh to prepare through the Kardars formerly under him a statement of the accounts of the Kohistan while under his management and to communicate it to the Durbar."

3. "The Shekhupoora Akhbar stated that Sahib Singh, Bundookchee, and others have access to the Rancee."

4. "Heeranund was ordered to pay out of the Treasury of Pind Dadun Khan the sum of 3,000 rupees to be distributed among the soldiers stationed at Dera Ismael Khan under General Cortlandt."

5. "An *ursee* was received from Sirdar Shumshere Singh stating that the deputation to the Governor-General had reached Hoshiarpore."

6. "Information was given to Raja Tej Singh that Ursala Khan, who had left Lahore and gone to Hindoostan, had returned and made his appearance in Umritsur. Orders were accordingly sent to Fakcer Taj-ood-deen and Jahmul Singh, Thanadar of Umritsur, to report whether this was the case or not."

7. "Mool Singh stated that Mr. J. Lawrence had given directions that none of the troops now stationed at Huzara should obtain leave of absence till the month of March, in consequence of the arrangements for the settlement of the country not having been yet completed: at the same time he had requested the Durbar to send him a statement of the number of troops now in Huzara."

11th September.

1. I attended morning Durbar accompanied by my Assistants. Dewan Deena Nath produced a petition from Mai Daya Kour complaining of the oppression of Jeewun Singh, brother-in-law of Konwur Peshora Singh, in demanding half the *jageer* allotted to her. Jeewun Singh is a servant of Maharaja Golab Singh. I requested the Durbar to send for him.

I then desired the Sirdars to send for a list of the attendants of the Maharanee at Shekhupoor, directing them to determine who ought to remain and to dismiss the rest. Dewan Deena Nath presented for inspection a notification regarding the customs on salt. I suggested some additions being made respecting the number of *chowkies* in the

several districts, and directed the Durbar to lose no time in appointing Misr Sahib Diyal's people to the charge of the several salt departments. The tax to be levied per maund is 2 rupees, and according to calculation the income derived from this source will be about 6 lacs.

Dewan Moolraj and Hunsraj are to be immediately recalled from Pind Dadun Khan and the Misr is to take upon himself the management of the department. I observed to the Durbar that it would be advisable to settle as soon as possible the dispute between Sirdars Sardool Singh and Jowala Singh. I enquired whether the *punches* who had been sent for from Umritsur to draw up a set of regulations regarding the rights of inheritance had arrived. Sirdar Lehna Singh replied that they would consult the *shasters* and draw up a series of rules according to the common usage of the country. After the departure of the inferior Sirdars the case of the Prema conspiracy was taken up and sentence of imprisonment passed as follows:—

Prema, Boota Singh, Dewan Ali and Man Singh, Nuhung, were sentenced to imprisonment for life, and according to my recommendation are to be sent out of the Punjab,—to Ferozepore, Loodianah, or any other suitable place. Hiyat Khan was sentenced to 14 years' imprisonment, Kanhi Singh to 7 years, Purusram Bog to 5 years, and Thakur Das, Prema's Moonshee, and Goormookh Singh to 3 years' imprisonment, respectively. The other defendants, Sookh Diyal, Baba Goordas, and Bhale Boodh Singh were let off, the latter on account of his having been the means of bringing home the charge against Boota Singh. I requested the Durbar to draw up a *roobakaree* stating the crime for which they had received punishment, *viz.*, a conspiracy with intent to subvert the existing Government and of participation in the same, the latter clause to include the less guilty defendant.

2. "A *perunnah* was sent to Dewan Moolraj, Nazim of Pind Dadun Khan, and to Sookhraj, recalling them from their appointments." A heavy balance of upwards of 6 lakhs of Government revenue still remains unadjusted by Dewan Moolraj.

3. "The servants of the Maharanee requested on her part that the remainder of Her Highness' effects might be given over to them for transmission to her; orders were given accordingly."

The following documents are enclosed :—

1.—Mr. Melvill's Diary *en route* to Jummoo from 29th August to 5th September.

2. Major G. Lawrence's Peshawur Diary from 5th to 11th September.

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VISITS PAID AND RECEIVED.

5th September.

Suddanund—with akhbars. Jummul, Vakeel of Dewan Moolraj, the Nazim of Mooltan—regarding a case of his master.

6th September.

Sirdar Shere Singh, Attareewallah, and Golab Singh—a complimentary visit. Lalla Suddanund—with akhbars. Fakeers Shumsh-ood-deen, son of Noor-ood-deen, and Zahoor-ood-deen, teacher to the young Maharajah—to show me the letters about to go to Government. Khooshee Ram, Vakeel of Sirdar Lehna Singh—with reply to certain letters. Bhag Singh, son of Raie Kishen Chund, Vakeel of the Lahore Government—for orders. Bhaee Mukhun Singh, Grunthee—to pay his respects.

7th September.

Rajah Tej Singh, Bahadoor; Dewan Deena Nath; Bhaee Nidhan Singh; Sirdar Shere Singh, Attareewallah; Bukshee Bhuggut Ram; Sirdar Lehna Singh; Dewan Hakim Raie, Ruttun Chund, Doogul; Ruttun Chund with the long beard; Ram Chund, Moherwallah; Fakeer Surrauj-ood-deen; Sirdar Kanh Singh, Man; Misses Ruilea Ram, Sahab Diyal, and Ruttun Chund; Sirdars Kanh Singh, Mehtab Singh, father-in-law of Rajab Lal Singh; Ruttun Sain, Mundeewallah; Bhaie Purdummun Singh; Dewan Kishen Koonwur; Sirdar Surroop Singh—public Durbar.

8th September.

Dewan Hakim Raie—complimentary visit. Raie Bhag Singh, Vakeel of the Lahore Durbar—for orders. Fakeer Shumsh-ood-deen—complimentary visit.

9th September.

Misr Saheb Dyal—customs. Fakeer Zahoor-ood-deen—compliments. Dewan Deena Nath—revenue affairs. Bhag Singh, Vakeel of the Lahore Durbar—for orders. Mool Singh, Vakeel of Rajah Tej Singh—to communicate certain private matters.

10th September.

Misr Megh Raj, Toshakhaneeah—with Treasury account. Sirdar Jowala Singh, son of Futteh Singh, Man—regarding a dispute with his brother. Bhag Singh, Vakeel of the Lahore Durbar—for orders. Taj-ood-deen, son of Kazei Mohkum-ood-deen, Vakeel of Maharajah Golab Singh—compliments. Mool Singh, Vakeel of Rajah Tej Singh—compliments on part of Rajah Tej Singh.

11th September.

Fakeer Zahoor-ood-deen, the teacher of the young Maharajah; Ruttun Chund with the long beard—with akhibars. Bhag Singh, Vakeel of the Lahore Durbar.

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SUMMARY OF PUNJAB INTELLIGENCE.

12th September.

1. "Sirdar Shere Singh explained to Raja Tej Singh in reference to his Peshawur accounts that out of the sum of 18,000 against him he had paid 7,000 and would pay 5,000 more; of the remaining 6,000 he asserted that 2,500 was due to his brother Antar Singh and to Bukshee Jowahir Mul on account of their pay, and that 3,500 had been expended on *khillats*, etc., given to Major G. Lawrence."

2. "The Vakeel of Gobind Sahaie, Kardar of Goozurat, stated that his master had paid up 50,000 rupees due by him to the Government."

3. "The Durbar stated that they were ready to carry out the wishes of the Resident regarding the permission to be granted to Moosulmans to call publicly to prayers, notwithstanding that it might meet with opposition from many people."

4. "In reply to an *urree* of Colonel Ruttun Singh, begging that a *jageer* to the value of 1,000 rupees might be allotted to him in lieu of the same amount in cash, he was informed that the Sirkar would grant no more *jageers* in place of money payments."

13th September.

1. "A *perwanah* was addressed to Ram Chund, Kardar of Wuz-eerabad, directing him to make over to Raja Tej Singh the *tahsils* of Saboowala and Jamree, which have been bestowed on him by the Sirkar in lieu of part of his estates in the district of Siyalkot."

2. "Colonel Ujoodhya Parsad was directed to release Bhaee Budh Singh, Sookh Diyal, and Goordas, Brahmacharee, against whom the charge of being concerned in the Prema conspiracy had not been proved."

3. "Mir Sahib Diyal produced instructions from Mr. J. Lawrence regarding the customs regulations. Notifications were then drawn up by Dewan Deena Nath to this effect, that the Government with a view to promote the interests of traders and others had been pleased to take off the duty formerly levied on the articles mentioned in the proclamation; these regulations to have effect from the 15th September. Information regarding them was sent to Sirdars Chutter Singh, Attareewalah, Golab Singh, Povindiah, Lehna Singh, Majeethia, and others."

14th September.

1. Durbar was held at Anarkullee. Dewan Deena Nath informed me that the new scale of customs would be published on the 15th September. The Dewan then presented on his own part rupees 1,000 in behalf of the Lawrence Asylum. Sirdar Lehna Singh informed me that a quarrel had taken place among the Fakeers of Bhulkee regarding the right to the *guddar*, and that they had ill-treated the Government Blaya, who had been sent to adjust the matter, and had torn up the *perwanah*: one hundred Fakeers were said to be gathered together. I directed a company of infantry and 100 Cavalry to be sent under the orders of a trustworthy person, with instructions to avoid any disturbance, but to seize the Fakeers after making them lay down their arms.

It was decided that Sirdar Lehna Singh, Pundit Radhakissun, and Dewan Hakim Roy should investigate the several authorities on the right of inheritance, and should then draw up a new series of rules.

I requested an order to be issued prohibiting people from riding at full speed through the city on account of the narrowness of the streets, and also that *chowkidars* be instructed to deposit their badges with the Kotwal during the day time, so that they may not take advantage of them by plundering the people under the plea of authority.

2. "Misr Megh Raj was directed to present to Mr. J. Lawrence for inspection the account of the Maharanee for 8 months."

3. "Perwanahs were sent to all the Kardars directing them to confine themselves to collecting the revenue, and not to interfere in judicial matters; and in case any one should prefer a complaint of this nature before them, to send him to the proper tribunal."

4. "Orders were given to Sirdars Ram Singh, Kanb Singh, Lal Singh, and other judicial authorities, to arrest some soldiers of the British force who have deserted."

15th September.

1. "A *perwanah* was sent to Misr Saheb Diyal appointing him Superintendent of the Salt Revenues of Ramrusun, Kalabagh, Khoshab, and Kansurai, of which the yearly amount to be paid to Government is 6 lacs."

2. "Letters from Rawul Pindiee announced the arrival of 20,000 rupees sent for distribution among the troops."

3. "Directions were given for publishing the new customs regulations throughout the city of Lahore."

4. "A *perwanah* was addressed to the Kiladar of Gobindgarh informing him that if any of the followers of Futteh Khan, Towanah, were to be seen prowling about the fort at night, he was directed to seize them if possible."

5. "The Huzara Akhbar mentioned that most of the Afghans and other refractory people had visited Captain Abbott and gone away contented, and that the small amount of revenue now levied, less than any ever before demanded by the best of the Kardars, had given universal satisfaction to the cultivators."

16th September.

1. "The Peshawur Akhbar stated that 15,596 rupees had been divided among the Golundazes, and that the total amount of pay due to them would be distributed immediately."

2. "On inspection of the accounts of the district of Dluunee, it appeared that there was a balance of 62,700 rupees due to the Sirkar."

17th September.

1. "The Shekhookpoora Akhbar mentioned that several persons had access to the Maharanee and that Her Highness had been making presents to Bhuvanee Deen, Jemadar, and Gunga Deen, Havildar." This will be prevented in future.

2. "Major Macgregor attended the morning Durbar and disposed of several cases in concurrence with the Sirdars."

3. "Sirdar Kauh Singh, Man, stated that the city would be illuminated in the evening as a token of the joy of the people at the remission of the taxes, and mentioned that this measure had conferred great praise upon the Resident and the members of the Council."

4. "The accounts of the districts under the management of Misr Ameer Chund were examined when a large balance was made out against him. The Durbar stated that all the Kardars of the several districts should be sent for and the accounts of each be separately and minutely examined."

5. "Sahib Singh, Bundookchee, was placed in confinement by order of the Durbar, for having, contrary to orders, visited the Maharanee at Shekhookpoora."

18th September.

1. I attended Durbar accompanied by my Assistants. I enquired why Misr Sahib Dyal had delayed taking his departure and was told that he would leave this day after receiving a *khillat*, which was accordingly given to him on his making his appearance. In answer to my enquiries, I was informed that when Misr Ameer Chund had the management of the salt revenues the yearly amount realized used to be 5,47,000, or excluding charges 4,00,000.

Dewan Deena Nath read over to me a despatch from Shekhopoora, which stated that the Maharanee had been distributing bracelets to a Jemadar and a Havildar. I directed the Durbar to send for these persons and to issue an order prohibiting any one from receiving presents from Her Highness under pain of punishment.

I informed the Sirdars that I had written to the Resident requesting him to direct Jeewun Singh to be seized if he were at Simla. I also stated that the Maharanee had frequently written to me desiring that the remainder of her property might be forwarded to her and I requested the Durbar to lose no time in sending all her personal effects.

Dewan Deena Nath stated that the accounts of the Kardars regarding the arrears of the year, as well as the accounts of Bakshee Bhugut Ram, were in course of preparation. I desired the Sirdars not to allow the Bakshee to attend the Durbar until he had given in his accounts. I mentioned to the Durbar that the settlement of Huzara, which had been made by Captain Abbott, was much lighter than any former settlement.

The Dewan said that arrangements had been come to in the dispute between Sirdars Sirdool Singh and Jowala Singh by which each brother should take up his abode in a separate village, so as not to interfere with the other.

According to a request made by the Dewan, I directed the Kardars of Peshawur, who had been imprisoned for non-payment of balances due against them, to be released.

2. "A *perwanah* was sent recalling Bhuvanee Deen, Jemadar, and Gunga Deen, Havildar, from Shekhopoora."

The following documents are enclosed:—

No. 1.—Major G. Lawrence's Peshawur Diary from 12th to 18th instant.

No. 2.—Lieutenant Taylor's Cashmere Diary from 23rd to 27th ultimo.

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VISITS PAID AND RECEIVED.

13th September.

Sirdars Melitab Singh, Shere Singh, and Ameer Chund, Majeethia—compliments. Fakeer Shums-ood-deen, son of Noor-ood-deen—compliments. Sudda Nund, Moonshee of Ruttun Chund with the long beard—

with Akhtars. Misr Rullea Ram and Sahib Diyal—regarding the customs. Bhag Singh, Vakeel of the Lahore Durbar—for orders. Bhurru Singh, Vakeel of Sindhwalla—compliments. Dewan Deena Nath—with revenue accounts. Fakeer Zahoor-ood-deen—compliments.

14th September.

Rajah Tej Singh; Dewan Deena Nath; Sirdars Lehna Singh, Shere Singh, Mungul Singh, and Kanh Singh; Misr Ameer Chand; Lalla Bhag Singh; Dewan Hakim Raie; Bawa Mubliyan Singh; Ram Chund; Mool Singh; Sirdars Deep Singh and Ram Singh; Fakeer Shums-ood-deen; Ram Dass, Dufturree; Ruttun Chund, with the long beard; Bawa Ameer Singh; Bhace Mukhun Singh; Fakeer Surrauj-ood-deen; Bawa Luchmun Singh, Ruttun Chund, Mundeewallah; Bhace Purdummun Singh; Sirdar Mehtab Singh, Majeethia; Fakeer Zahoor-ood-deen; General Hursookh Raie; Sooltan Ulumud; Dewan Sonamull; Bhaie Kaisra Singh; Bawa Fakeer Buksh; Lallas Munglee Lall and Anunt Ram; Kishen Singh; Gaiinda Singh; Asanund and Jasmul, Vakeels of Mooltan; Heera Nund; Khooshee Ram; Khooda Baksh, Kotwal; Misr Rullea Ram and Sahib Diyal; Luchmun Ram; Surmookh Singh, brother of Golab Singh, Bhagoowallah; Misr Megh Raj; Bussunt Ram; Jowala Singh; Sirdar Sirdool Singh—public Durbar.

15th September.

Sirdar Shere Singh, Attareewallah—respecting the Rancee. Misr Sahib Diyal—customs. Fakeer Zahoor-ood-deen.

16th September.

Sirdar Palinda Khan, Valaetee—compliments. Misr Rullea Ram—customs. Raie Bhag Singh, Vakeel of the Lahore Government—for orders.

18th September.

Heera Nund and Ram Kishen—Abkaree Farmers.

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SUMMARY OF PUNJAB INTELLIGENCE.

19th September.

1. "A *parwanah* was sent to the Kardar of Rawul Pindie directing him to seize a person of the name of Kureem Bakhsh, who had visited Rawul Pindie and when there had given himself out to be an attendant on some British officer, under which pretence he had informed the Kazees and Moosulmans of the place that an order had been issued allowing all persons of the faith of Islam to call publicly to prayers."

2. "A company of Infantry marched from Lahore to relieve the one at Shekhoopoorah employed in guarding the Maharanee."

3. "The Panches of Umritsur stated that universal satisfaction prevailed there at the customs dues having been remitted."

4. "Blank statements to be filled up with an abstract account of the number of cases decided in the judicial and civil courts were sent to all the Sirdars appointed for the trial of such suits, with a request that they would furnish monthly the information required."

5. "A proceeding from the Officiating Resident was read requesting the Durbar to recall immediately Bhuvanee Deen, Jemadar, and Gunga Deen, Havildar, from Shekhoopoorah, and to lose no time in sending in the Maharanee's account."

6. "Orders were sent to all the Kardars directing them to pay up, by the middle of October, the revenues of their districts for the *rubber* season of 1904 and informing them that on non-compliance they will be dismissed."

20th September.

1. "The accounts of Pind Dadun Khan and other districts, lately under the management of Mir Ameer Chund, were examined under the superintendence of Dewan Deena Nath. Rajah Tej Singh said that as the weather had become so much cooler he thought it would be better to hold Durbar in the afternoon instead of the morning. This arrange-

ment has accordingly been carried into effect. 62,000 rupees were found to be owing by Gopal Das, the late Kardar of Dhunnee; 24,000 rupees were due by Ruttun Chund, Doogul, Jowahur Mulli Dutt and Ruttun Chund, Reeshduraz; 1,44,349 rupees were owing by Mier Ameer Chund himself. The Mier objected to several items in the account and stated that he was not answerable for them. An angry discussion then took place, which ended by Rajah Tej Singh ordering him to be put under arrest."

2. "Bhag Singh requested that an answer might be sent to the Resident's *roobaharee*, in which he suggested to the Durbar that some one system of drill should prevail throughout the Sikh Army; that at present some of the regiments were drilled on the French system, some on the English. The Sirdars stated that originally the English system was in general use, but that after the arrival of the French officers in Runjeet Singh's service, the French system had been substituted, and that now there were only 3 or 4 Regiments drilled on the English system."

3. "The Jhung Akhbar stated that the steamer had arrived there."

21st September.

1. Durbar was held at Anarkullee. Khoshal Chund, who has been appointed of the Kardarship of Dhunnee, was presented to me. I directed a security to be taken from him that he would not levy more than the proper amount of revenue from the zemindars of his district, and said that on any misconduct being proved against him he would be recalled from his appointment. Bhag Singh produced an answer from the Maharajah to the Governor-General's *khuresta* appointing J. Lawrence, Esquire, Officiating Resident at Lahore. Baba Lochmun Singh stated, on the part of Sirdar Lehna Singh, that the Babas of Bhulkee, who had been quarrelling among themselves about the right of succession to the *guddee* and to apprehend whom a company of sepoy's with 100 Sowars had been sent by the Durbar, had made up their differences. Dewan Deena Nath stated that in former days a canal called Shahnahur had been cut from the River Chenab to Sheikhoopoor and Hurriminar (*sic*) and begged that means might be taken to open it again, by which the cultivation of the districts, through which it would flow, would be greatly improved. I replied that I would comply with his request. I requested that the

circulation of the Goondah* and Mihurabee rupees in the district of Rawulpindee might be stopped and the Nanukshahee rupees circulated in lieu of them. I spoke to the Durbar concerning their reluctance to allow Moosulmans the privilege of calling publicly to prayers. Rajah Tej Singh, as usual, requested me to settle the matter as I liked. The Sirdars said they would convey to me their reasons for disapproving of the proposed arrangement.

2. "The Sirdars again inspected the accounts of Mier Ameer Chund and struck off 20,000 rupees from the sum due by him. He was ordered to give bonds for the remaining 1,20,000."

3. "Mool Singh stated that Mr. J. Lawrence had requested to have a statement furnished him of the number of Cavalry who have been struck off the rolls. It was intended to get rid of 1,500."

22nd September.

1. "The Sirdars wrote for the information of the Officiating Resident a *roobakarree* stating their reasons for rejecting the Resident's proposal for allowing Moosulmans to call publicly to prayers."

2. "An *urdee* was received from Dewan Moolraj of Pind Dadun Khan, stating that he had received the *perwanah* of the Sirkar announcing to him his recall and directing him to make over to Mier Saheb Dyal the management of the salt districts. He informed the Durbar that he would take his departure on the 15th September."

3. "Bhag Singh, Vakeel, read a *roobakarree* from Mr. John Lawrence requesting the Durbar to dismiss from his appointment Boota Mul, Kardar of Kana Kacha, convicted of illegally confiscating the property of Surmookh Singh on a false charge of adultery."

23rd September.

1. "An *urdee* was received from Sirdar Lal Singh, Morarea, stating that he could not efficiently conduct the duties of the district under his control without having a force to support him. He requested therefore that a regiment of Infantry and 500 Sowars might be placed at his disposal. In reply he was informed that the regiment of Muhtab Singh

* The Goondah rupee is about 0-13-3 in value and the Mihurabee 0-14-3.

would be sent to him and 100 Sowars in addition to those already under his orders."

2. "Intelligence was received that Lal Singh, Adaluttee, had been seized in the village of Siyalubiyah." He is one of the persons implicated in the Prema conspiracy.

24th September.

1. "Complaints were made that although the taxes had been remitted, the shopkeepers had not lowered their prices." This is naturally the result of the large stock of grain previously on hand, on which the duty has been levied, and to lower the price of which would be a dead loss to the Bunyas.

2. "A *roobakaree* was received from the Officiating Resident requesting the Durbar to stop the circulation of Goonduh and Zeman-shahee* rupees, which are now in use in Huzara and other districts, and to introduce the Nanukshahee rupee in lieu of them. The future revenue collections in those districts are to be made in the latter coin."

3. "Deen Diyal, Thanadar and Ram Narayun, Deputy Kotwal, stated that a disturbance had taken place between the Moosulmans and Hindoos. The Moosulmans had declared that they would not allow the Hindoos to blow the conch shell and threatened to stone them if they did so. Three Moosulmans had been seized. The parties, however, did not come to blows."

4. "Information was given that 6 elephants had been sent off to Shekhhopoorah, taking with them all the Maharanee's effects."

5. "Major Margregor attended the Durbar and decided several cases."

6. "Pay was ordered to be distributed to the Cavalry stationed at the various cantonments."

25th September.

1. "Pundit Radhakishun stated that this was the day of the *Sradh* of Maharajah Runjeet Singh. Orders were accordingly given that food and dresses should be prepared for the Brahmins."

* The Zeman-shahee rupee bears a *chukka* of 6 or 9 pies per rupee.

2. "An *urzee* was received from Choonee Lal stating that the Sirdars had arrived at Simla and had received a *seyaful* of 2,500 rupees, etc., from the Governor-General. The Resident had paid them a visit, and the interview with the Governor-General was to take place on the 16th September."

3. I attended Durbar in the afternoon accompanied by my Assistants and by Lieutenant Christopher, in command of the "Meeanee" steamer, whom I introduced to the Sirdars. They expressed a wish to take a trip to see the steamer, and gave orders for a *seyaful* of 250 rupees to be presented to Lieutenant Christopher.

I requested the Durbar to examine the accounts of Sheikh Imamood-deen with great care.

The Dewan stated that it had been the custom in the time of the great Maharajah to make a present to any of the Sirdars on occasion of their marriage and now requested that a present of 500 rupees might be granted to Dewan Jowahur Mull. I desired that a smaller sum might be given. Mool Singh stated that *perwanahs* had been sent to all the Kardars informing them that if they did not pay up within a month the whole of the revenue due by them, they would be dismissed from service.

Dewan Deena Nath showed me a list of all the persons now with Her Highness the Maharanee, of which I desired him to give me a copy.

I informed the Durbar that it would be advisable to allow the district of Jhung to remain under the superintendence of Mier Rulla Ram for the present, as it would be difficult to find a substitute capable of carrying on the management of the district. The Dewan recommended Hurchurun Das, brother of Mier Saheb Dyal, saying that he was able to conduct the duties of Jhung efficiently. I stated to the Durbar that Lieutenant Christopher had expressed his satisfaction at the great attention paid to all his wants by the Kardars on his route up the river. I then left the Durbar.

4. The following documents are enclosed:—

No. 1.—Major G. Lawrence's Peshawur Diary from 19th to 25th Instant.

No. 2, 3, and 4.—Mr. Vans Agnew's Gilgit Diaries from 8th to 28th August.

No. 5.—Captain J. Abbott's Boundary Journal from 1st to 13th instant.

Nos. 6 and 7.—Mr. P. S. Melvill's Diaries *en route* to Simla from 7th to 18th instant.

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VISITS PAID AND RECEIVED.

20th September.

Misr Megh Raj, Toshakhaneeah, with Treasury accounts. Moonshee Ghodamul—with Treasury accounts. Suddanund, News-writer—with Akhbar. Baba Luchmun Singh—with message from Sirdar Lehna Singh, who is sick. Ummer Singh; Muhtab Singh; Asanund, Vakeel of Mooltan—complimentary. Dewan Deena Nath—with revenue accounts. Bhujjoo and Mukhna, Vakeels of Rajah of Chinta—complimentary message from Chinta Minister. Bhag Singh, Vakeel of the Lahore Durbar—for orders. Fakeer Zahoor-ood-deen—complimentary. Burrul Singh, Vakeel of Shere Mohummud Khan, Scindewallah—complimentary.

21st September.

Raja Tej Singh; Dewan Deena Nath; Sirdar Shere Singh, Attareewallah; Bhaces Nidhan Singh, Hur Gopal, and Kaisra Singh; Sirdar Kanh Singh, Man; Fakeer Zahoor-ood-deen; Sirdar Ram Singh; Bawa Luchmun Singh; Bhaie Mukhun Singh; Sobha Mull; Ruttun Chund, Doogul; Ruttun Chund with the long beard; Mool Singh; Sirdar Mehtab Singh, Majeethia; Ruttun Sain, Mundeewallah; Nihal Singh, Vakeel; Bhag Singh, Vakeel; Misr Rulles Ram; Khoosbeal Chund; Sirdar Sirdool Singh; Dewan Hakim Raie; Misr Saheb Diyal; Asanund, Vakeel of Mooltan; Misr Kodla; Ram Chund, Moherwallah; Sirdar Hurdutt Singh; Bawa Fakeer Bukah—public Durbar.

22nd September.

Sirdar Shere Singh, Attareewallah, and Golab Singh—complimentary. Gainda, Vakeel of Sirdar Shumshere Singh, Sindhanwallah—regarding his master's *jagier*. Goordial, Moonshee of Megh Raj, Toshakhaneeah—with accounts. Suddanund, news-writer—with akhbar. Bhag Singh, Vakeel of the Lahore Durbar—with Government papers.

23rd September.

Goordial, Moonshie of Megh Raj, Toshakhaneesh—accounts. Sheo-diyai; Juggunnath; Suddanund, News-writer—with akhbars. Bhag Singh, Vakeel of the Lahore Durbar—with Government papers. Mier Sahib Diyal—customs. Tilloke Chund, Mahajan of Amritsar—regarding a bridge he purposes building at Kangra.

24th September.

Sirdar Kanh Singh, son of Sham Singh, Attareewallah—complimentary. Sirdar Jeewan Singh, grandson of Sham Singh—complimentary. Dewan Nurrain Singh, Mother of Sham Singh—complimentary. Lalla Kanh Chund, Ferozpoorwallah—regarding the lease of Ahkarree. Rajah Faizulahi Khan—complimentary. Hyatoolah Khan, and Summund Khan, Bunnoo Tankwallahs—complimentary. Mier Sahib Diyal—customs.

25th September.

Bhag Singh, Vakeel of the Lahore Durbar—Government papers. Suddanund, News-writer—Akhbar. Goordial, Moonshie of Megh Raj Toshakhaneesh—Treasury accounts. Sirdar Golab Singh, Attareewallah—complimentary.

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SUMMARY OF PUNJAB INTELLIGENCE.

26th September.

1. "Dewan Deena Nath with other Dufferees inspected the accounts of Sheikh Imam-ood-deen, when a balance of 50,000 rupees, in excess of the sum mentioned by him, was made out against him. It also appeared that Rutton Chund, Reeshduraz, was in possession of a *jageer* of 2,200 rupees yearly value which he had obtained through the connivance of Sheikh Imam-ood-deen, but without any authority from the

Government. He was directed to pay 6,600, being the value he had received from this *jageer* for three years."

2. "Ruttun Chund, Doogul, complained of the small allowance of 4 or 5,000 rupees being made to him; while Ruttun Chund, Reeshduraz, possessed a *jageer* of 25,000 rupees and had a district of $1\frac{1}{2}$ lacs of rupees under him, besides the control of all the *daks* throughout the country."

3. "The Peshawur Akhbar stated that Major G. Lawrence had deferred his intention of visiting Lahore in consequence of instructions he had received from the Governor-General."

4. "Intelligence was received from Simla that the Sirdars had had an interview with the Governor-General and had offered to him all the presents sent by the Lahore Government. They had also presented 3,100 to the Governor-General and 700 to the Commander-in-Chief as *surwarra*, after which the *khurseta* sent by the Maharajah was read. Fakeer Noor-ood-deen was the spokesman, and launched out into praises of the Governor-General and the Resident. *Khilluts* of 17 pieces were then presented by His Lordship to each member of the deputation, and gifts were made over to their care for the other principal Sirdars. In the afternoon the Resident visited the deputation and received from them a present of 700 rupees as a *surwarra*. The Durbar expressed their great pleasure at the contents of the despatch."

5. "In the Shekboopoorah Akhbar it was mentioned that the Maharanee frequently received communications in writing from Ranee Kushmeerun, widow of Maharajah Runjeet Singh."

27th September.

1. "Sirdar Kanh Singh stated that it was impossible for him to carry on his work unless his Vakeel, Ujub Singh, who was constantly thwarting all his measures, were dismissed. The Durbar said that the Officiating Resident should be consulted on the subject."

Sirdar Kanh Singh is anxious to get rid of Ujub Singh because he reported on one or two occasions some irregularities which took place in the Sirdar's Court.

2. "Misr Meg Raj stated that about 56,000 rupees worth of jewels, etc., belonging to Sheikh Inam-ood-deen, had been brought

from Jullunder, and about 3,50,000 had been paid in coin into the Toshakhanah on account of the Sheikh."

5. "Ruttun Chund, Reeshduraz, stated that he had found out that he had made a mistake in saying that he was in possession of a *jageer* of 2,200 rupees, but asserted that he held this amount in farm (*mooshukhuah*)."

4. "Bhag Singh, Vakeel, said that Mr. J. Lawrence had requested the Durbar to stop the circulation of Mohummudshahee, Zemanshahee, Goondah, and Mihurabee rupees in the district of Pind Dadun Khan, and to introduce the Chitta Nanukshahee instead. Mir Saheb Dyal was accordingly directed to superintend the introduction of the latter rupee, for which purpose a mint at Pind Dadun Khan will be established."

5. "Dewan Deena Nath inspected all the accounts of Sheikh Imam-ood-deen, including those of the districts of Nuwashuhur, Hoshiarpur, Noormahul, etc."

6. "The Shekhoopoor Akhbar stated that Lieutenant Anderson had surveyed the canal which the Durbar are desirous of repairing, and had stated that on an expenditure of 2 lacs it could be brought through the whole of the district mentioned by them."

28th September.

1. Durbar was held at Anarkullee. I informed the Sirdars that the Governor-General had expressed to me his satisfaction at the customs having been remitted, and had said that it was a measure reflecting great credit upon the members of the Durbar. Sirdar Lehna Singh presented to me a series of rules regarding the succession to property and other points drawn up by the Panches of Umritsur. I desired the Sirdar to make them also lay down rules respecting boundaries, especially of rivers and watercourses, and also to define the connection and mutual obligation between Sahoo-kars and their Goomashtahs. Dewan Deena Nath stated that 2,500 rupees had been bestowed upon Nawab Haiyat Ali Khan, Nawab Summunder Khan, and Nawab Suroor Khan as a *zafut*, and the sum of 1,000 rupees on account of the marriage of his daughter to Ramjee, confidant of Baba Roopa. I requested the Durbar in future to cut down the amount of this kind of present.

Mool Singh presented an account of the expenses incurred on the day of the installation of Rajah Tej Singh. The Sirdars then took leave.

29th September.

1. "A *perwanah* was addressed to Ram Chund, Kardar of Vuzeerabad, reminding him that he had received particular orders not to interfere with any holders of *dharmurths* or *jageers*, but that, notwithstanding, he had confiscated the *jageer* of Uter Singh, a sowar in the Ghorchurras. He was desired to release the *jageer* immediately."

2. "A *roobakaree* was received from Mr. John Lawrence communicating to the Durbar the satisfaction of His Lordship the Governor-General at the taxes having been remitted throughout the territory of Lahore.

Another *roobakaree* was read requesting that the farming of the district of Pind Dadun Khan might be made over to Misk Saheb Diyai."

3. "Orders were sent to Shere Singh, Adjutant, to take every precaution for the security of the fort of Shekhookpoora, and not to allow any person whatever to have access to the interior of the fort."

4. "Jus Mul, Vakeel of Dewan Moolraj, stated that the sum of 2 lacs had arrived from Mooltan on account of the last instalment (*last*) and requested that securities might be taken for the sum of 90,000 rupees due by him in addition to this."

5. "Mr. Cocks attended Durbar, and procured the decision of several cases. Among others, the dispute between the Sadhs of Bhulkee, to arrest whom a company of Sepoys and 100 Sowars had been sent, was disposed of by the Durbar."

30th September.

1. "Intelligence was received from Shekhookpoora that two gardeners had visited the Ranee and presented a *dalee* to her through Sirdar Boor Singh. Her Highness had written to Chunda Singh to send to her the accounts of the sum of 12,000 rupees which have been expended on the buildings at Duleepgarh. The Akhbar further stated that Sunt Singh, the news-writer, had access to the inside of the fort. *Perwanahs* were sent to forbid this."

2. "Gopal Das, late Kantar of Dhunnee, was summoned and asked if he were prepared to pay the 63,000 rupees due by him on account of arrears of revenue. He agreed to pay the amount by instalments, stating at the same time that 15,000 rupees of this had been collected by Lal Singh, Morarea, which he requested might be struck off the account. Orders were sent to the Kardar to pay up this sum."

3. "Intelligence was received from Simla that the Sirdars had taken leave of the Governor-General, and Sirdars Shumshere Singh and Uter Singh had gone with Rai Kishun Chund to perform their ablutions at Sree Koorchuttur, while Fakeer Noor-ood-deen had bent his way towards Lahore."

4. "Mist Ameer Chund complained of the treatment he had received and begged that an arrangement might be made concerning his accounts. He stated that he had paid 15,000 out of the 60,000 rupees due by him; that he would pay 5,000 more that day, and would, in the course of 20 days, liquidate the remaining 20,000. He was ordered to pay 1,000 rupees daily, to which he replied that he would pay 2,000."

5. "A *roozqahar* was received from the Officiating Resident mentioning that Sirdar Heera Singh had complained of not having received the *jagier* allotted to him. A reprimand was accordingly sent to Teg Chund, Kardar, with instructions to lose no time in making over the *jagier* to the Sirdar."

1st October.

1. "Orders were sent to the Kardar of Vuzeerabad, General Cortlandt, and others, directing them to lose no time in sending in the required statements concerning the measurement of the lands of the villages in their several districts."

2. "Sirdar Lehna Singh presented to the Durbar the rules drawn up by himself and by Baba Luchmun Singh concerning disputes about boundaries and other matters required by the Resident."

3. "All the Sirdars expressed their wish that Mr. J. Lawrence might remain as Officiating Resident on Colonel Lawrence's departure for Europe."

Major Macgregor attended Durbar, and several cases were disposed of in his presence.

2nd October.

1. "Intelligence was received from Fakeer Taj-ood-deen that the spies of Futteh Khan, Towanah, had been making sundry enquiries concerning him in Umritsur, upon which orders had been given to lay hold of them. Two of his followers were seized in the house of a Cashmerce, having with them a fleet looking horse. One of these affirmed that he had been sent by Alim Shah, son of Futteh Khan. It appears that they came with the intention of effecting his release from confinement. The *urser* of the Fakeer was ordered to be sent to Mr. J. Lawrence."

2. "An *urser* was received from the slave girl Mungla stating that she had arrived at her native place and complaining of being straitened in circumstances."

3. "Dewan Deena Nath informed Bukshee Bhugut Ram that he would himself examine his accounts for each year from the year 1891 upwards."

4. Durbar was held in the Dewan-i-Am. Dewan Deena Nath said that as Mr. Cocks was going to Jhung it was necessary to make some arrangements regarding the *seafuts* to be given by the Kardars. I objected, saying that it was unnecessary. The Durbar insisted, however, and it was settled that the Kardars should each present 250 rupees besides sweetmeats. The Dewan then proposed that his son Umur Nath, and Misr Hurchurun Das, son of Misr Kulla Ram, should accompany Mr. Cocks, but I said that it was not needful. I requested the Durbar to direct the ceremonies of the *Dussehra puja* to be carried on in Lahore and not at Umritsur as was intended.

The Durbar said that they had two letters to send to the Governor-General regarding the future arrangements to be made concerning the carrying on of the government of Lahore, which they requested me to forward.

The Dewan said that Sheikh Imam-ood-deen's accounts for three years had been prepared and that an abstract of them would be sent to me on Monday, the 4th instant.

I spoke to the Durbar concerning the case of the Sadhs of Bhulkee, who had been let off by them, and said that as these people had created a disturbance and refused to obey the orders of Sirdar Lehna Singh,

they should be punished for contempt of court, the case having been made worse by its having been necessary to send out troops to seize them. It was at last decided that they should be imprisoned for a year and the property in dispute be confiscated to Government.

5. Lieutenant Nicholson's Diary from 5th to 25th September is enclosed in original.

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VISITS PAID AND RECEIVED.

27th September.

Sacendas, Vakeel of Sirdar Shere Singh, Attareewallah—complimentary. Fakeer Shums-ood-deen, son of Fakeer Noor-ood-deen—complimentary. Suddanund, Akhbar Nuwees—with Akhbars. Misr Meg Raj—Treasury accounts. Shahzadah Jumjuma—complimentary. Bhag Singh, Vakeel of the Lahore Government—with Government papers. Deves Dyal—with accounts of his Kardarship. Dewan Shunkur Nath—with revenue returns. Sirdar Shere Singh, Attareewallah—complimentary.

28th September.

Goordial, Moonabee of Meg Raj, Toshakhaneesh—Treasury accounts. Mool Singh, Vakeel of Rajah Tej Singh—private conference, etc. Suddanund, Akhbar Nuwees—Akhbars. Bhag Singh, Vakeel of the Lahore Government—Government papers. Dewan Shunkur Nath—revenue accounts.

Public Durbar—Rajah Tej Singh, Sirdar Shere Singh, Attareewallah; Dewan Deena Nath; Sirdar Lehna Singh, Majeethia; Ruttun Chund, Doogul; Sudda Nund, Akhbar Nuwees; Bawa Luchmun Singh; Bhace Purdoomun Singh; Sirdars Sirdool Singh, Man, and Jowala Singh, Man; Fakeers Zahoor-ood-deen, Shums-ood-deen and Siraj-ood-deen; Bhaces Hurgopal, Cheerinjeo Singh, Kaisra Singh, and Lakhun Singh; Bawa Fakeer Buksh; Pundit Radha Kishun; Vakeels, Lala Bhag Singh and Sirdar Nihal Singh; Munglee Lal; General Hursookh Raie; Sirdars Mehtab Singh, Majeethia, and Kanh Singh, Man; Khooshee Ram, Vakeel; Misr Meg Raj; Ram Chund, Moherwallah; Dewan Hakim Raie; Sirdar Kanh Singh, Attareewallah.

29th September.

Suddanund, Akhbar Nuwees—Akhbars. Ibraheem, son of Sirdar Sooltan Mahomed Khan—complimentary. Dewan Hakim Raie—with rough draft of a Civil Code. Bhag Singh, Vakeel—Government papers. Bawa Luchmun Das, Motmid of Sirdar Lehna Singh—respecting Hakim Raie. Misr Saheb Diyal—customs.

30th September.

Dewan Hakim Raie—regarding the Civil Code. Bhag Singh, Vakeel of the Lahore Durbar—Durbar papers. Sheikh Azeez-ood-deen, Vakeel of Sirdar Lehna Singh, Majeethia—complimentary. Suddanund, Akhbar Nuwees—Akhbars.

1st October.

Khoshial Chund, Kardar of Dhunnee and Pundit Shunkur Nath—with revenue papers. Raie Bhag Singh, Vakeel of the Lahore Durbar—Durbar orders. Suddanund, Akhbar Nuwees—Akhbars. Goordial, Moot-suddee of Megh Raj, Toshakhaneeah—Treasury accounts. Mool Singh, Vakeel of Rajah Tej Singh—to confer regarding Lal Singh, Adaluttee. Sirdar Shere Singh, Attareewallah, with his Bukshee, Jawahur Mull, and Motmid, Misr Saeendass—complimentary. Misr Saheb Diyal—customs. Burrul Singh, Vakeel of Syud Mahomed Khan, Scindwallah—regarding his master's pay.

2nd October.

Goordial, Moonshee of Megh Raj, Toshakhaneeah—Treasury accounts. Suddanund, Akhbar Nuwees—Akhbar. Raie Bhag Singh, Vakeel of the Lahore Durbar—with Durbar papers. Misr Saheb Diyal—customs.

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Political Diary of the Agent, Governor-General, North-West Frontier, and Resident at Lahore, from the 3rd to the 9th October 1847.

SUMMARY OF PUNJAB INTELLIGENCE.

3rd October.

1. "A sepoy of Gulab Singh's Regiment presented a letter addressed to Rajah Tej Singh, Sirdars Shere Singh and Lehna Singh, and Dewan Deena Nath, which he stated had been given to him by Gopal Singh, an officer in the service of Maharajah Golab Singh and who is in attendance on Meean Runbeer Singh. The letter purported to be sent by the Maharajah and was to the effect that the Sirdars to whom it was addressed should create a disturbance in Lahore with a view to expel the British troops and to take possession of the City, the Maharaja offering to defray all expenses and to assist them in every way. The Durbar directed the sepoy to be seized and the letter to be forwarded to Mr. John Lawrence."

The letter is evidently a forgery, and enquiries are being made to discover the party from whom it originated.

2. "On the accounts of Sheikh Imam-ood-deen being inspected, the total demand against him was made out to be 6,31,000, rupees, of which 3,59,000 rupees had been paid in money and jewels; there consequently remained the sum of 2,72,000 rupees still due which he was directed to pay."

3. "The Kardar of Vazeerabad wrote to the Durbar stating that the steamer had gone up the river towards Uknour."

4. "On further examination of Sheikh Imam-ood-deen's accounts it was found that Sirdar Lal Singh, Morarea, had borrowed 30,000 rupees and Sirdar Urjun Singh 25,000 rupees from the Kardars of the Sheikh for the purpose of paying their regiments which were engaged in the last campaign."

4th October.

1. "A letter from Mr. John Lawrence was read stating that he had received a letter from the Secretary to Government complimenting the Maharajah and the Durbar on their generosity in subscribing to the Irish Relief Fund."

2. "An *urdee* was received from Sirdar Golab Singh stating that Major George Lawrence previous to his departure from Peshawur had given instructions to the Sirdar that all the Kardars and zemindars were to pay in their rents to the Sirdar during his absence. The Sirdar will also dispose of all cases which may be brought before him except those of a heinous nature, which are to be referred to the Major."

3. "Heera Nund, one of the Kardars of Misr Ameer Chand, denied being indebted in a farthing to the Sirkar, and stated that all his accounts had been made up with the Misr; all the other Kardars, following his example, then said the same thing. On being confronted with Misr Ameer Chand, they agreed to pay any balance which might be proved against them."

4. "A *perwanah* was addressed to Sirdars Goormookh Singh and Boor Singh, directing them to make over to the Maharanee some Hoon-dees to the amount of 30,388 rupees which had been sent by Her Highness to Benares for the purpose of erecting a *Shivalah*, but which had been returned from thence."

5. "The Peshawar Akhbar stated that Sirdar Golab Singh had issued orders to the Mootusuddees of the Regular Troops to prepare statements of all the regiments stationed there according to the directions of the Government.

"The sum of 29,086 rupees was found to be still due on account of the *rubbee* season of 1904."

5th October.

1. "Intelligence was received from Peshawur that Sirdar Golab Singh had given information to all his Kardars that, although the customs dues on grain had been remitted, yet no reduction had taken place in the price of grain, and directed them to issue orders to all Bazar Chowdries and Kotwals not to put more than a fair price upon grain."

2. "Sheikh Imam-ood-deen said that the sum which the Darbar had stated to be due by him was more than he actually owed."

3. Darbar was held at Anarkallee. I requested that copies of the rules of inheritance and other matters drawn up by the Panches of Umritsur might be sent to all the judicial authorities for their guidance.

Dewan Deena Nath presented to me a report of the district of Goozurat, containing an account of all the villages comprehended, the names of the holders, the quantity of land, etc. The Dewan then stated that Dewan Moolraj of Pind Dadun Khan had arrived at Lahore.

I complained to the Durbar of the conduct of Sukhraj, Kardar, who, on any charge of levying an excessive amount of revenue being brought against him, states to Mr. Nicholson that the charge is correct, but that the sum collected has been paid into the Government Treasury. The Dewan replied that Sukhraj's accounts should be inspected to ascertain the truth of this assertion. Rajah Tej Singh stated that a large gun had been brought in from Shekhookpoora, and requested a pass for it, which I granted.

I directed the Durbar to make over for decision to the Panches of Umritsur some important cases in which various Sirdars are concerned.

The Durbar was then broken up.

6th October.

1. "Sirdar Kanh Singh, Man, complained that the officers of his Court continually acted contrary to his orders." This Sirdar does not appear to have much control over his *amlahs*.

2. "Sheikh Imamooddeen protested against the Durbar having brought him in a debtor for such a large sum."

7th October.

1. "Dewan Hakim Raie and other *jagirdars* stated that since the district of Sialkote had been made over to Rajah Tej Singh his officers had begun to dispossess from their estates all the *jagirdars* and holders of Dhurmurthi. In accordance with the request of Dewan Deena Nath, orders were given by the Rajah to his subordinates not to interfere with the possession of people holding land on these tenures."

2. "Sheikh Imam-ood-deen was directed to give bonds for the sum of 2,31,000 rupees. He replied that he would think about it. On being afterwards sent for, he was told to pay this sum in money, but he

answered that he could only pay 1,25,000 rupees in cash, which he agreed to produce. He stated that 80,000 rupees was due to him from the district of Dharmkote, which he requested might be collected."

3. "Dewan Deena Nath returned in the evening from a visit to the Officiating Resident, who, he said, had agreed to the terms proposed by the Durbar regarding Sheikh Imam-ood-deen's accounts. The sum promised to be paid by the Sheikh was to be received from him immediately and a list made out of the several debtors in the district of Dhurm-kote, to collect the stated balances from whom arrangements should be made."

8th October.

1. "Ewaz Khan presented an elephant for sale, which was ordered to be sent off immediately to Shekhopoorah, that the Maharanee might have the opportunity of purchasing it and dedicating it on the day of the solar eclipse."

2. "An *urree* was received from General Cortlandt stating that the Durbar had given him orders that, on dismissing from service soldiers stationed in the various forts of the district of Deera Ismael Khan, he should distribute to them their pay up to the day of their discharge. As, however, there was not a farthing in the local treasury, it was not in his power to pay them. He also required instructions regarding cases in which the plaintiffs are inhabitants of his district and the defendants under the jurisdiction of Sirdars Lal Singh and Ram Singh, whose Kardars frequently refuse to hear the charges brought against the people under their control, when preferred by those of a neighbouring district. In reply, he was informed that he should pay up as soon as possible the discharged soldiers belonging to the district—those of his own battalion would be paid on a future occasion; and that all cases which involve disputes regarding jurisdiction should be referred at once to the Durbar for decision, it being very improper that the judicial authorities should be quarrelling among themselves about such matters."

3. "The Peshawur Akhbar stated that the Treasurer had reported the sum of 57,600 rupees to be in the Treasury."

4. "Fakcer Taj-ood-deen wrote to the Durbar informing them of his having forwarded to Lahore the spies of Futteh Khan, Towanah, whom he had seized in Umritsur."

5. "Major Macgregor attended the evening Durbar and disposed of several cases."

9th October.

1. "This being the day of the solar eclipse, the Maharajah and all the Sirdars left the fort and went to the banks of the river near the ford. After performing his ablutions, the Maharajah remained on the banks of the river watching for the appearance of the eclipse.

"In the evening His Highness and the other Sirdars made the offerings customary on the occasion of an eclipse. The Maharajah offered up an elephant, a horse, cows, ewes, dresses, and ornaments, besides a sum of money.

"The other Sirdars made presents to the Brahmins of Lahore, Gya and Benares.

"In consequence of the eclipse no Durbar was held in the afternoon."

2. Major Lawrence's Peshawar Diary from 26th September to 2nd October 1847 enclosed.

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VISITS PAID AND RECEIVED.

4th October.

Misr Sahab Diyal—on customs. Sirdar Shere Singh, Attareewallah, and Fakeer Taj-ood-deen—complimentary.

5th October.

Goordial, Moonshee of Megh Raj, Toshakhaneea—treasury accounts. Sudanund, News-writer—Akhbars. Pundit Shunkur Nath—with Revenue reports. Jowahir Mul, Kardar of Goojanwallah—with revenue returns. Bagh Singh, Vakeel—for orders.

Public Durbar—Rajah Tej Singh; Sirdars Shere Singh and Lehna Singh; Dewan Deena Nath; Misr Sahab Diyal; Sirdar Kanh Singh, Man; Dewan Hakim Rale; Rutton Chund, Doogul; Rutton Chund with the long beard; Bukshee Bhugut Ram; Sirdar Khoshial Singh, Attareewallah; Fakeer Shums-ood-deen; Bhace Makhun Singh; Bawa Luchmun Singh; Sirdar Ram Singh, Jullawallah; Sirdar Hurdutt Singh; Pundit Radhakishun; Fakeer Suraj-ood-deen.

6th October.

Goordial, Moonshee of Megh Raj, Toshakhaneeah—Treasury accounts. Fakeer Taj-ood-deen—complimentary, to show the Maharajah's writing. Sudanund, News-writer—Akhbars. Dewan Shunker Nath—revenue returns. Bagh Singh, Vakeel of the Lahore Durbar—for orders.

7th October.

Sudanund, News-writer—Akhbars. Goordial, Moonshee of Megh Raj, Toshakhaneeah—Treasury reports. Shere Mohamed Khan, Nawab of Scind; Burrul Singh, his Vakeel; Bawa Luchmun Singh, Azeez-ood-deen, and Khooshee Ram, the Motmids of Sirdar Lehna Singh—complimentary. Bagh Singh, Vakeel of the Lahore Durbar—for orders. Dewan Deena Nath—with accounts.

9th October.

Goordial, Moonshee of Megh Raj, Toshakhaneeah—Treasury accounts. Sirdar Shere Singh—regarding a claim he has against Sirdar Shere Singh's son. Asanund, News-writer—Akhbars. Fakeer Shums-ood-deen—complimentary.

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**Political Diary of the Agent, Governor-General, North-
West Frontier, and Resident at Lahore, from
the 10th to the 17th October 1847.**

SUMMARY OF PUNJAB INTELLIGENCE.

10th October.

1. "Bhaee Nidhan Singh was requested to lay before the Panches of Umritsur the quarrel between the sons of Bhaee Ram Singh and Bhaee Gobind Ram regarding the right of possession to large sums in jewels and money left by those Bhaees. In addition to this case, there are several other important ones awaiting the decision of the Panches, such as the dispute between the Attareewalla Chiefs and that between Dewan Moolraj of Mooltan and his brother Dewan Kurum Narayun."

2. "Orders were given to the Mootsuddies to lose no time in making out the accounts of Sirdar Rmjore Singh. They stated in reply that Dewan Deena Nath himself was occupied with this investigation and would communicate to the Durbar the balance proved against the Sirdar."

11th October.

1. "A *perwanah* was sent to Sirdar Ram Singh instructing him to investigate, with the assistance of Mier Rulla Ram, all cases occurring in Jhung and in the district of Pind Dadun Khan."

12th October.

1. "Dewan Moolraj of Pind Dadun Khan presented himself at Durbar and offered 280 rupees and other articles as a *sarwarra*. His brother, Rajroop, and his nephew, Hunsraj, accompanied him."

The Dewan, as stated in former diaries, has been summoned to Lahore to give an account of his Kardarship, which has long been in a most unsatisfactory state.

2. "The news-writer at Shekboopoorah complained that he would be unable to give any account of the Rancee's proceedings unless he were allowed to enter the fort, and begged that he might be permitted to accompany Sirdar Boor Singh when the latter visited Her Highness. Permission was granted to him."

3. "In the course of the afternoon the Sirdars paid a visit to General Littler."

4. "Orders were sent to all the judicial authorities to furnish prisoners sent to the capital for imprisonment, with rolls describing their name, place of residence, the crime for which imprisoned, etc."

13th October.

1. "Arrangements were made by the Durbar for the ceremonies to be observed at the Dusserah."

2. "Mr. Bowring attended the evening Durbar when several cases were decided by the Sirdars. It was settled that a deputation should be sent by the Durbar to meet Colonel Lawrence on his return from

Simla. Sirdars Ram Singh, Chapa, and Kirpali Singh, Mulvic, were accordingly directed to proceed to the river Beas, taking with them a *sirwana* for the Resident."

14th October.

1. "In accordance with a *roohakaree* from Mr. J. Lawrence, orders were sent to all Kardars to assign reasons for their confiscating the *yageers* contrary to orders."

2. "Orders were given to distribute two months' pay to the troops stationed at the various cantonments. The sum of 3,50,000 was directed to be paid out of the Mootee Mundur and 28,000 by Mlsr Meg Raj. In addition to this, 50,000 out of the 96,000 rupees advanced by Major G. Lawrence at Peshawar was directed to be repaid to Sirdar Golab Singh, Pothovinda."

3. "A *roohakaree* was received from Sirdar Mungul Singh requesting that *thanahs* might be established in various places under his jurisdiction. The Durbar appeared displeased at his having sent his request in the form of a *roohakaree* and not of an *urree*."

4. Durbar was held at Anarkullee. I enquired whether Bukshee Bhugut Ram's accounts had been settled, and desired the Sirdars to observe my injunctions not to allow him to attend Durbar until they had been investigated. In reply to my queries Dewan Deena Nath stated that Mlsr Ameer Chund had paid 51,000 rupees out of the amount due by him and would pay the remaining 11,000 rupees in the course of two or three days. The Dewan then said that Shekh Imam-ood-deen had agreed to pay in 2 months the sum of 1,24,000 rupees on account of balances due by him from the Jullunder Doab.

I enquired if Dewan Moolraj of Pind Dadun Khan had paid up the sum of 2 lacs due by him on account of hoondies, but was informed that he had not. I complained that the Dewan was not only an oppressor of the ryots, but that he did not even pay the Government dues. The Dewan brought forward the case of the Rances of the late Raja Ajeet Singh of Ladwa, to whom an allowance of 12,000 rupees yearly from the customs of Umritsur had been allotted by Raja Lal Singh, which they had now lost again in consequence of the alteration in the customs dues. The Sirdars stated that the dispute pending regarding the right of

cession to the property of the late Bhaïs Ram Singh and Govind Ram had been arranged in this manner, viz., that Bhai Churunjee Singh, son of the former, should receive a third share, and that a third should also be made over to Hurgopal Singh, son of Govind Ram, and a third to Nidhan Singh, son of Kanh Singh. The two former, however, objected to Bhai Nidhan Singh having any share, stating that the two deceased Bhaïs had arranged that the shares should be equally divided among their sons. I desired the Durbar to issue orders to all the judicial authorities to send in without delay the required statements regarding the number of cases decided in their courts.

15th October.

1. "Sirdar Lal Singh, Morarea, the judicial authority on the other side of the Jhelum, was directed to station himself at Suwan in Rawul Pindce."

2. "Bukhshee Bhugut Ram was directed to make presents on the Dusserah, on the part of the Sirkar, to the officers of the regiments of Ujoodhya Purshaud, and Gooldeo Singh, to the artillery officers."

3. "Intelligence was received that Imam-ood-deen, a Moonshee of Sirdar Mungul Singh, exercised an undue influence in the decision of cases which come before the Sirdar. A *perwanah* was accordingly addressed to the Sirdar directing him to investigate all cases personally and not to listen to the suggestions of Imam-ood-deen."

4. "Major Macgregor attended Durbar and disposed of several cases with the concurrence of the Sirdars."

5. "Mool Singh stated that the Officiating Resident had mentioned that General Cortlandt had as yet not sent any account of the sums in the treasuries of his district nor of cases decided in his court. Directions were sent to him to lose no time in doing so."

16th October.

1. "The Sirdars who had been sent on the deputation to Simla presented themselves at Durbar on their return, and produced the gifts which the Governor-General had sent to the Maharaja and the members of the Council. Both the Maharaja and the Sirdars were greatly pleased with the presents."

2. "The Durbar sent for Dewan Moolraj of Pind Dadun Khan and rated him soundly for his neglect in not paying the Government revenue and for his oppression towards the ryots, who had risen up as one man to complain against him."

3. "Bukshes Umreck Roy and Bhugut Ram stated that the sum of 1,400 rupees would be distributed to the officers of the troops stationed at Lahore on account of the Dusserah festival."

4. Durbar was held in the Dewan-i-Aum, and Sirdars Shumshere Singh and Utter Singh presented each 250 rupees to me as a *surwarra* on their return. I enquired whether the Durbar had sent the 3 lacs of rupees which had been ordered to be paid to the troops of the various cantonments for the months of *Sawun* and *Bhadon*. The Sirdars replied that part had been despatched and that the rest would be sent immediately.

Several *perwanahs* were presented to me for signature regarding sums of money to be distributed among the officers of the Sirkar on the occasion of the Dusserah festival.

The Maharaja expressed to me his great delight at the presents which had been sent to him by the Governor-General.

I informed the Durbar that a skirmish had taken place in the Yusufzye country and that two officers of the Lahore Government had been killed.

5. The following documents are enclosed :—

Nos. 1, 2, 3.—Mr. Vans Agnew's Diaries from 29th August to 18th September.

No. 4.—Mr. Cock's Diary from 5th to 10th instant.

No. 5.—Captain Abbott's Boundary Journal from 18th September to 3rd October.

No. 6.—Lieutenant Taylor's Diary from 30th August to 12th September.

No. 7.—Lieutenant Nicholson's Diary from 3rd to 9th instant.

No. 8.—Major Lawrence's Diary from 3rd to 9th instant.

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13th October.

Fakeers Shums-ood-deen and Zahoor-ood-deen—complimentary. Lalla Bhag Singh, Vakeel of the Lahore Durbar, and Mool Singh, Vakeel of Rajah Tej Singh—for orders. Bukhshee Jowahur Mull, Vakeel of Shere Singh, Attareewallah; and Khooshee Ram, Vakeel of Sirdar Lehna Singh—with reports.

14th October.

Sirdar Shere Singh, Attareewallah—complimentary. Goordial, Moonshee of Megh Raj, Toshakhanceeah—Treasury reports. Suddanund, news-writer—Akhbars. Bhag Singh, Vakeel—for orders. Asanund, Vakeel of Mooltan—with a letter from his master. Fakeer Taj-ood-deen—complimentary.

Public Durbar—Rajah Tej Singh; Sirdars Lehna Singh, Majeestha, and Goolab Singh, Attareewallah; Dewan Deena Nath; Fakeers Shums-ood-deen and Zahoor-ood-deen; Lalla Bhag Singh, Vakeel; Bukhshee Bhuggut Singh; Ruttun Chund, Doogul; Ruttun Chund with the long beard; Bhacees Nidhan Singh and Hurgopal Singh; Mool Singh, Motmid of Rajah Tej Singh; Khooshee Ram, Vakeel of Sirdar Lehna Singh, Majeestha; Lallas Bukhtimull, Chowdry of Umritsur, and Nursingh Dass, together with the Panches of Umritsur; Dewan Hakim Rafe; Ram Chund, Moherwallah; Lalla Daivee Dyal; Isree Singh; Sirdar Kanh Singh, Man; Fakeer Surraj-ood-deen; Sheikh Imam-ood-deen.

15th October.

Misr Megh Raj, Toshakhanceeah—Treasury accounts. Suddanund, news-writer—Akhbars. Misr Goordial, Moonshee of Megh Raj, Toshakhanceeah—Treasury accounts. Shahzada Sooltan Jummal—complimentary; Lalla Bhag Singh, Vakeel—for orders. Asanund, Vakeel of Mooltan—to pay his respects. Mool Singh, Motmid of Rajah Tej Singh—complimentary.

16th October.

Bhag Singh, Vakeel of the Lahore Durbar—with papers. Suddanund, news-writer—Akhbars. Goordial, Moonshee of Megh Raj Toshakhanceeah—Treasury accounts. Surfraz Khan, Salkoewallah;

Sirdar Golab Singh, Attareewallah, and Fakeer Zahoore-ond-deen—complimentary.

17th October.

Goordial, Moonshee of Megh Raj, Toshakhaneesh—Treasury accounts. Bhag Singh, Vakeel of the Lahore Durbar—with papers. Suddanund, news-writer—Akhbars.

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Political Diary of the Agent, Governor-General, North-West Frontier, and Resident at Lahore, from the 17th to the 23rd October 1847.

SUMMARY OF PUNJAB INTELLIGENCE.

17th October.

1. "A petition is presented to the Durbar by Hunsraj, nephew to Dewan Moolraj, ex-Nazim of Pind Dadun Khan, praying that the strict surveillance at present maintained over his uncle may be relaxed. He is told that his uncle will be regarded as a prisoner till his accounts are squared. However, on a further request from the petitioner, an order is given for removing one of the two guards hitherto posted over him."

2. "A *perwanah*, drawn up with the concurrence of the Officiating Resident, is despatched to General Coclandt ordering that no further persecution be enforced against the families and relations of Nawab Haiyatoolah Khan and Palyund Khan or any other of the Tankwalla Khuwaneen; also that all old complaints against them be dismissed."

3. "The Sheikhoopoora Akhbar to the 1st *Kafich* (October) states that on the occasion of a visit from Sirdars Boor Singh and Goormukh Singh and Adjutant Shere Singh, the Maharanee complained that the soldiers of the guard were in the habit of standing opposite her apartments, to the annoyance of Her Highness and the slave-girls. An order was accordingly given by the Sirdars that the soldiers on duty do not remain within sight of the Maharanee or her slave-girls. Her Highness then became angry and enraged, telling the Sirdar that "Now

they had it all their own way and took pleasure in annoying her." This ebullition of temper seemed to proceed from the fact that all persons having ingress and egress from Her Highness are searched; an explanation of the necessity of this measure was afforded.

The Sirdars presented Her Highness with a jug of holy water from Umritsur, it having been brought by Bhasee Purduman Singh for the festival of the *Shukrant*."

4. "Rajah Tej Singh, Dewan Deena Nath, and Sirdar Shere Singh, with a number of influential persons, proceed to a place called 'Rodee Walla' for the purpose of welcoming me on my return to Lahore. A *morasila* is presented to them on the road from Major G. Lawrence, dated 15th October, giving an account of his arrival with some of the Sikh troops in the Yusufye Kohistan, whither he had gone to settle the revenue to be collected from the Ranurys and Samurys, and of a skirmish with them, in which he congratulated the Durbar on the success of their troops. The seal of the Major being set at the head of the *morasila*, a remark is made by the officials in attendance about the ignorance of his Moonshi."

18th October.

1. "A deputation from the Durbar is sent to enquire after my health."

2. "An *urree* is received from Sheikh Ghulam Hussein, Kardar of Aisee Khelan, Lukkee, etc., reporting that the Bunnoo chiefs had sent in their submission to him, and that the revenue collection of his districts had been already set on foot and was progressing favorably."

3. "Pundit Radha Kishen pronounces to-morrow an auspicious day for the celebration of the Dussera."

4. "The Vakeel of Sheikh Imam-ood-deen is again pressed regarding the speedy liquidation of his master's debt to the Sirkar."

5. "Sirdar Lehna Singh produces in the presence of the Panches to whom the case was referred, the decision of the question in dispute between the brothers Sirdar Sirdool Singh, Man, and Sirdar Jowala Singh, Man, concerning their hereditary property. It is as follows:—That the property be equally divided between the two, the smaller of

the two estates, as at present existing, to receive an accession of land from the larger, equivalent to its deficiency when compared with the other—all uncultivated lands to be equally apportioned between the two; that two wells, besides an old *jageer*, be bestowed on their respective Ranees; and the expense of building a division wall between the estates be defrayed conjointly. An objection to a minor article is started by Jowala Singh; but eventually both signed the decision."

6. "Ziyafuts of 2,200 rupees and 500 rupees are sent by the Durbar to me and Lieutenant Edwardes respectively."

7. "An *urree* is received from Mir Sahib Dyal reporting his having presented me with a *ziyafut* at Govindpoorah."

8. "Major Macgregor conducts the Chiefs to Anarkullee, they having determined on paying me a visit of welcome to-day. Ziyafuts to the amount of 1,631 rupees are presented by the various Sirdars."

19th October.

1. "This being the anniversary of the Dussera, the Maharajah performs the various religious ceremonies due to the occasion."

2. In the afternoon I visit the Durbar, accompanied by Sir J. Littler, Mr. John Lawrence and my Assistants. We all presented *sarmannahs* to the Maharajah, each proportionably to his rank.

I also present His Highness with an English built carriage and a pair of horses. After the various Sirdars and frequenters of the Durbar had each offered the customary *nuzzarana*, we adjourn to an open space near the parade ground, where after witnessing a spectacle in commemoration of the feats of the deities to whom the day is held sacred, we return to the fort and take leave.

20th October.

1. "The Ramnuggur Akhbar reports a robbery committed upon twenty Sindhanwalla sowars posted at that place. It states also that many Khutrees have been recently robbed, and that theft is an everyday occurrence; the assistance of the *adaltee* is therefore demanded."

2. "Peshawur news relates Major Lawrence's intention of visiting Lahore after having made the circuit of the Yusufzye country, and that

his post at Peshawur will be filled during his absence by Lieutenant Taylor; that Sirdar Golab Singh, Pohovindea, had been pressing the Vakeels of Sirdars Sultan Mahomed Khan and Syud Mahomed Khan for the liquidation of their debt to the Sirkar."

3. "Mir Sahib Diyal submits to the Durbar that Dewan Moolraj, ex-Nazim of Pind Dadun Khan, has, in direct opposition to the orders of the Sirkar, sold salt to the amount of one lakh of maunds at 1 rupee per maund, for which sum he has obtained Hoondees; and that he has moreover sold salt at Kalabagh at 3 full maunds the rupee. The Durbar decide on referring him to me."

4. "The Huzara Akhbar reports that Captain Abbott has fixed on Tuveela, Sunkarce and Huzara as the Huzara customs stations on the Indus."

5. "A *perwanah* is issued to Sirdar Kanh Singh, Man, ordering that Dewan Moolraj of Pind Dadun Khan be produced at the Durbar tomorrow."

6. "Mr. Bowring attends the Durbar. He complains of the inefficiency of the police of Kunjarce Pul, several robberies having been perpetrated in that place, some on English travellers. A *perwanah* is accordingly addressed to Sirdar Lehna Singh concerning the said police."

21st October.

1. "Dewan Moolraj, ex-Nazim of Pind Dadun Khan, is present at the Durbar, agreeably to orders. Rajah Tej Singh repeats the accusation yesterday brought against him by Mir Sahib Diyal, of having sold Government salt at a rate lower than the authorised one and of having appropriated the proceeds. The Dewan acknowledges the fact, and replies that he will make deductions in his account in favor of the Sirkar, equivalent to the sums appropriated. After a long interview with the Rajah he is put under arrest."

2. "Mir Sahib Diyal afterwards confirms his allegations against the Dewan by a more detailed statement of the salt transaction. Moolraj denies ever having sold salt at a rate lower than the Government rate, and calls the Government Dasturees to witness. These affirm that one lakh of rupees worth of salt was sold in the month *Assoo*, but

can give no information about the Kalabagh transaction, where other Dufturees are entertained."

3. "Revenue returns of the district of Jhung are ordered to be sent out to Mr. Cocks."

4. "In accordance with a *rubakaree* issued by Mr. J. Lawrence, orders are given to Mistr Megh Raj to send to me the sum of 2,000 rupees in payment of Raja Lall Singh's allowances due for September last; and also to send the same amount monthly."

5. "Agreeably to a *rubakaree* from me—No. 1—instructions are sent to all Kardars and collectors of revenue within the jurisdiction of the Khalsajee, to collect no coin from the zamindars but the fresh Nanukshahie rupee, and not to deposit any old coins in the treasure chests. *Rubakaree* No. 2—orders given that no public *perwanah*, whether relating to *jagers*, *dhurmuths*, stipends, etc., be promulgated without its first having been shown to me; otherwise it will be considered a forgery. *Rubakaree* No. 3—requests that Lukkee Beg, Hyder Ali and some other Irancees, who have been seized at Umritsur, be sent to Mooltan, to be transmitted by the Nazim of that place to Bhawalpore and thence to Scinde."

6. "A *perwanah* is issued to Dewan Moolraj of Mooltan ordering him to station people of his own at the three customs stations on that portion of the Indus which runs by his own country, in conjunction with the officers of Mistr Sahib Diyal, in order that the taxes due to both may be levied at once."

7. "Sirdar Chutter Singh, Bhacee Dul Singh and others are ordered to send all the Gundahshahie and Zemansshahie rupees in their possession to the Pind Dadun Khan treasury, where they will be converted into Nanukshahies."

8. "Silver Butkees, to the amount of 250 rupees, are distributed among the prostitutes of the city by the Durbar on account of the festival of the Dussera."

9. "Orders are issued to the Treasurers at Peshawur and Huzara to pay up the troops stationed at those places."

22nd October.

1. "Sirdar Lehna Singh reports to the Durbar his having prepared a scheme of the law of inheritance, etc. This plan met the approval of Mr. J. Lawrence, who also ordered copies of it to be distributed among the *adafuters*."

2. "Rais Kishen Chund and Lalla Bhag Singh, referring to several requests of mine, propose, among other matters for facilitating the working of justice, that on a complaint being made the *adafutee* shall, in all important cases, send out the Sirkaree sowars to bring in the defendant, any want of promptitude exhibited by the Kardar of the place in producing such party to be visited with punishment; but that all unimportant cases be left to the local Kardar, who is to send in a *faisilahnamah* and a *rascenamah* for each; and that the Kardars send in immediate and full reports of any robbery that may be committed within their jurisdiction. Bhag Singh also issues orders to the Nazim of Pind Dadun Khan for the entertaining a proper number of Chokeydars at Ramnugger, where robberies have been frequent of late."

3. "An altercation occurs between Soobha Ram, Kardar of Mitteeval, and Sirdar Sirdool Singh, Man, regarding a sum of money alleged by the latter to be due to him from the former. Soobha Ram, eventually losing his temper, pulls the beard of the Sirdar and abuses his father, on which the Sirdar strikes the Kardar in the face with his doubled fist. The affray is immediately reported to Rajah Tej Singh, who severely rebukes both parties for such conduct in Durbar, and prohibits the Sirdar's attendance at Durbar unless when ordered."

4. "A *roobaharee* is received from me requesting that all soldiers coming from Peshawur to Lahore, and *vice versa*, on duty may be provided with a free pass for all the *ghats* and customs houses."

5. "A general order is issued to all commandants of forts and cantonments to submit reports of the troops, etc., under their command before the expiration of a fortnight."

6. "Major Macgregor attends the Durbar and superintends the decision of some cases."

23rd October.

1. "A *perwanah* is addressed to the various Kardars, etc., on the road from Lahore to Jummo, ordering that every attention be paid to Mr Currie, who is now *en route* to Lahore. The Durbar have also sent out 25 sowars to meet him."

2. "Peshawur news states that Major Lawrence had left the country of the Ranuzyes and arrived at a place called 'Mul,' where he had had another skirmish with the zemindars, who were driven back. The Durbar bandy a joke about the intention once manifested by Rajah Golab Singh of devastating the country; 'for now,' they say, 'we shall soon be getting 15 lakhs out of it.'"

3. "Dewan Deena Nath casts an imputation on the fairness of Sirdar Lehna Singh's accounts, in which he affirms the list of disbursements and receipts is by no means regular. The Sirdar states that he pays out on orders from the Sirkar and that, therefore, he has not preserved the receipts. The Sirdar offers no reply."

4. "The Shekhookpoora Akhbar states that on the festival of the Dussera the Sirdars Boor Singh and Goormukh Singh, etc., presented *nussers* to the Maharanee, who gave in return some sweetmeats. Her Highness enquired after the health of the Maharajah, and was gratified with the assurance that everything was done to make him happy."

5. "A *perwanah* is issued to all Kardars of the Khalsajee to prepare maps of their various districts, containing detailed descriptions of the land, its character, method of irrigation, cultivation, etc.

6. I visit the Durbar in the fort, accompanied by Mr. Riddell and two of my Assistants. I inspect the Maharajah's writing and hear him read a portion of the "Kurreeema." Dewan Deena Nath presents Mahomed Alee Khan, son of Hyder Alee Khan, and desires to appoint him as an officer with the troops at Dera Ismael Khan. I tell the Dewan there is no necessity for any more inferior officers, there being so many already. Kowur Dewa Singh, son of the late Maharajah Shere Singh, presents a *surwarnah* to the Maharajah. On Dewan Deena Nath mentioning the petition of the Ranees of Rajah Ajeet Singh, Ladwalla, I desire that their Vakeel may be sent to me, promising a main tenance from the British Government and intimating that something also would be expected from the Sirkar. I mention that Prerna's brother

came down from Simla with me as far as Umritsur. I enquire as to where Prema is, and am told that he has been sent away from Lahore. The Chiefs refer to my approaching departure and express their hopes that Mr. J. Lawrence may remain in my stead. Dewan Deena Nath then produces Major Lawrence's Diary from the Yusufzye country; and after an eulogy from Rajah Tej Singh on Captain Abbott and his Huzara transactions, we take leave.

7. The following documents are enclosed:—

No. 1.—Mr. Melvill's Diary from 27th September to 4th October.

No. 2.—Mr. Cock's Diary from 11th to 17th instant.

No. 3.—Major Lawrence's Diary from 10th to 16th instant.

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VISITS PAID AND RECEIVED.

18th October.

Suddanund, news-writer—Akhbars. Ramdeen, Moonshee of Misr Saheb Diyal—customs. Dewan Shunkur Nath—revenue papers. Bhag Singh, Vakeel—with papers for signature. Radha Kishun, Vakeel of Bhawulpore; Saen Dass, Vakeel of Sirdar Shere Singh, Attareewallah; Mool Singh, Motmid of Rajah Tej Singh; Rajah Tej Singh; Dewan Deena Nath; Sirdar Shere Singh, Attareewallah; Ausa Singh, and Uter Singh; Bhaxe Nidhan Singh; Fakeers Noor-ood-deen, and Cheeragh-ood-deen—complimentary.

19th October.

Mool Singh, Motmid of Rajah Tej Singh—complimentary. Misr Saheb Diyal—customs. Ghodhamul, Moonshee of Megh Raj, Tosha-khaneeah—Treasury accounts. Suddanund, news-writer—Akhbars. Radha Kishun, Vakeel of Bhawulpore, and Asanund, Vakeel of Mooltan—for orders. Fakeer Zahoor-ood-deen; Nawabs Hyatoolah Khan, Bunnoo Tankwallah, Surwur Khan and Summund Khan; Sirdar Golab Singh, Attareewallah; Fakeer Noor-ood-deen, and Raie Kishun Chund—complimentary.

20th October.

Suddanund, news-writer—Akhbars. Misr Megh Raj, Tosha-khaneeah—with Treasury accounts. Bhag Singh, Vakeel of the Lahore Government—with Durbar papers. Goburdhun Dass, Moonshee of Megh

Raj—with Treasury accounts. Kanh Singh Man; General Mehtab Singh; Sirdar Ummer Singh—complimentary. Radha Kishen, Vakeel of the Bhawalpore Government—complimentary on taking his leave. Chunder Bhan, Vakeel of the above Government—on taking charge. Dewan Dowlut Ram, Kardar of Dera Ismael Khan—complimentary.

21st October.

Goburdhun Dass, Moonshee of Megh Raj, Toshakhaneesh—Treasury accounts. Suddanund, news-writer—Akhbars. Raie Kishun Chund, Vakeel of the Lahore Government—complimentary. Lalla Bhag Singh, Vakeel of the Lahore Government—with Durbar papers.

22nd October.

Goburdhun Dass, Moonshee of Megh Raj—Treasury accounts. Suddanund, news-writer—Akhbars. Lalla Khooshee Ram, Vakeel of Sirdar Lehna Singh—with materials for new code. Bhag Singh, Vakeel of the Lahore Government—with Durbar papers. Shunkur Nath, Dufturree—with revenue papers. Mool Singh, Motmid of Rajah Tej Singh—complimentary. Sirdar Urjoon Singh, Rungurnungleah, and Daiva Singh, Vakeel—complimentary.

23rd October.

Golab Singh and Fakeer Shums-ood-deen—complimentary.

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Political Diary of the Agent, Governor-General, North-West Frontier, and Resident at Lahore, from the 24th to the 31st of October 1847.

SUMMARY OF PUNJAB INTELLIGENCE.

24th October.

1. "A *perwanah* is addressed to Sirdar Golab Singh, Pohoovindeeah, ordering that, on the arrival of Lieutenant Edwardes at Peshawur, a force, consisting of three regiments of infantry, one regiment cavalry and one company artillery, with supplies and stores, be ready to accompany that officer to Bunnoo Tank. To this force are to be

added 2,000 horse and foot of Sirdars Sultan Mahomed Khan and Peer Mahomed Khan."

2. "Kunhya Lal, Kardar, reports his having made over 70 villages of the district of Munawur to Maharajah Golab Singh, and 57 to the south to the Lahore Government, agreeably to the orders of Captain Abbott."

3. "Sheikh Imam-ood-deen is further pressed for the settlement of his accounts. He promises to put all square in a week."

4. "According to his own statements, it appears that Sirdar Lehna Singh, Majeethia, has been in the habit of crediting drafts, etc., without giving or taking receipts for the sums passed through his hands. Thus his accounts are unintelligible."

5. "Durbar is now generally held in the house of Mool Singh, a Motmid of Rajah Tej Singh."

6. "Heera Nund and Ram Kishun, farmers of ferries, having divided the management of the customs between themselves, one taking the east and the other the west side of the country, *perwanahs* are issued to all Kardars, Jageerdars, Sirdars, etc., notifying the fact and ordering no obstruction to be offered them."

7. "Mier Saheb Dhyal mentions, in reference to the robberies recently committed within the jurisdiction of Sirdar Ram Singh, Jullawallah, that the Sirdar always remains in one place, and does not move about his district. A *perwanah* is, therefore, issued to him desiring him to make a tour of his province and attend to the interests of his people."

25th October.

1. "The news-writer of Sheikhoopoorra complains that he is excluded from the presence on the occasions of the visits of Sirdar Boor Singh and the others to the Maharanee. A *perwanah* is sent to Adjutant Shere Singh ordering that the news-writer be allowed to accompany the Sirdars on their visits in future."

2. "A Khidmutgar, by name Bal Singh, is ordered to go to Sheikhoopoorra for the purpose of spying out matters there."

3. "It having been discovered that Sirdar Mungul Singh, the Adaluttee of the Rechna Doab, has taken a man into a quasi-official partnership with himself, a *perwanah* is addressed to him with strict orders to attend to the whole business himself."

4. "The Lahore Vakeel, on being questioned as to the state of Sheikh Iman-ood-deen's accounts, states that 25,000 rupees have been paid up, and that as much more will be made good in the course of five days."

5. "Some zemindars of the village of Jundiallee, in the Ainnabad *ilakah*, are questioned as to the robbery of Lieutenant Robinson's property, and are told to use every exertion in recovering the same and handing the thief up to the Durbar."

26th October.

1. "A number of Sowars, orderlies, and Ghorchurras, attached to Maharajah Shere Singh's corps, are discharged, and their *jagers* made over to the several Kardars in whose districts they are situated."

2. "Moonshee Ruttun Chund, Doogul, is ordered to plan a survey of the village of Sandah prior to a revenue assessment being made on it."

3. "It appears that, since the issue of the new tariff of customs, Dewan Moolraj of Mooltan, by adhering to the old scale, and by stationing his customs officers at certain spots, has induced the people to pass through his country first, and then to leave it at such a point that they evade the Lahore customs altogether. He is ordered to establish his customs houses at certain places specified in the *perwanah*."

4. "The Treasurer is ordered to present the accounts of the Maharanee. Her Highness having a balance of 15,000 rupees against the Durbar, this item is required to be looked into, as no extra expense, save that connected with religious matters, will be defrayed by the Durbar."

5. "A statement is made that, in consequence of the ready money system and increased tax established by Mier Rulla Ram, the salt merchants will not cross the Sutlej into the Lahore territory, but pass through the Jullunder Doab and sometimes Mooltan, where they find a market for the salt."

6. Mr. Melvill conducts the Chiefs to Durbar at the Residency at Anarkullee. Dewan Deena Nath reads me a letter from the Nazim of Mooltan relating to an outbreak among certain hill tribes who have plundered some villages. I first suggest that General Cortlandt be

sent down from Dera Ismael Khan, but this proposal not meeting the approbation of the Chiefs, I desire that a *perwanah* be sent to the Nazim, ordering him not to hesitate in punishing and repressing this or any similar disturbance, but not to advance beyond his own frontier, and promise to send some British Officer with Sikh troops. I assent to a partial request from Rajah Tej Singh and Sirdar Lehna Singh, that the sepoys who allowed Bhace Maharaj to escape from prison may be released from confinement. Dewan Deena Nath informs me that he has made over half of the Jhung district to the Kardaree of Misr Hur Churun Dass. I desire that the autumnal crop of this year may be first settled for by its present Kardar. The Dewan then presents a proposal from General Cortlandt for a cantonment of two regiments at Dera Ismael Khan: a cantonment of one regiment is sanctioned. It appears that the frequent remonstrances made to Sheikh Imam-ooddeen regarding the liquidation of arrears have had the effect of producing a confession to the existence of 25,000 rupees and some property buried in the Jullunder Doab and Puttiala. An order will consequently be given for producing the above-mentioned property. Rajah Tej Singh informs me that some Fakeers of Goojanwallah who have been fighting among themselves are to be sent to Lahore for punishment. I desire that they be referred to me to-morrow, with a statement of the case.

7. "The sum of 200 rupees is given to Sirdar Kaah Singh, Man, for the expenses of the city conservancy department."

8. "Davee Diyal, Kardar, is ordered to prepare a schedule of the local laws of Kaderabad."

9. "A general order is issued to Kardars, etc., for the speedy payment of the revenue of the autumnal crop of the present year."

27th October.

1. "In reply to questions put by the Durbar, Dewan Moolraj, ex-Nazim of Pind Dadun Khan, states that the Hoondees and receipts obtained for the salt sold by him amount to nearly three lakhs, of which 1,67,000 rupees are now in his possession: this sum he is accordingly desired to disgorge into the Treasury."

2. The Durbar is informed of my having urged the speedy production of the returns of the various villages from their respective Kardars

and of my having approved of that given of the village of Majurah as a model. The revenue formerly derived from this village was 11,000 rupees, which is reduced by the new assessment to 8,750 rupees.

3. "Mr. Bowring attends the Durbar and hears some cases decided."

28th October.

1. "A scale of the new duties is forwarded to Dewan Moolraj of Mooltan, with strict orders to abide by the same and to put himself in communication with Misr Rulla Ram's people at Dera Ismael Khan."

2. "A letter is received from Sirdar Boor Singh stating that the news-writer at Sheikhoopoorah has been permitted to attend him on his visits to the Maharanee, but that he has been denied access to Her Highness alone, for which he was anxious."

3. "Dewan Hakim Raie and Kishen Konwur, calling to mind their past services and favor, ask the Durbar for some employment. Raja Tej Singh gives them assurances of his support."

4. "Misr Saheb Deaal asserts that exclusively of the Hoondees, etc., proceeding from the sale of salt by the ex-Nazim of Pind Dadun Khan, that person is a defaulter to the State in the amount of 4 lakhs of rupees obtained by the same means."

5. "In consequence of a representation from me, it is proposed to entertain an establishment of Moonshes for the purpose of writing and registering all Government *perwanahs*; and also an intimation is given that if the returns demanded from the Kardars are not forthcoming within a week, they will be each fined 50 rupees a day until they are ready."

6. "Peshawur news refers to Major Lawrence's anticipated return to that place from the Yusufzye country and to the fact of Lieutenant Lumsden being left in the latter place. The Treasurer Gunput Raie had presented his accounts to Sirdar Golab Singh, Pohoovindeah."

7. "News is received from Mr. Cocks' Camp at Pindie Bhuttean, and also of Lieutenant Nicholson's movements in the neighbourhood of Punjha Saheb."

29th October.

1. "Sirdar Sardool Singh, Man, is reprimanded for maliciously oppressing Soobha Ram, Kardar. The latter has recently been successfully engaged in a suit against the Sirdar."

2. "A *perwanah* is addressed to General Cortlandt ordering him not to interfere with any *dhurmurths*, etc., in Dera Ismael Khan, held up to the end of the government of Dewan Dowlut Raie, except such as were granted for service in the customs, which he is to resume."

3. "Rajah Tej Singh again attacks Dewan Moolraj of Pind Dadon Khan, about the payment of 5 lakhs of rupees due for the farming of the salt mines."

4. "The Peshawur Akhbar reports the arrival of Major Lawrence at that place."

5. "The Treasurer is ordered to disburse two months' pay to a number of the Shahzadaha, etc., pensioners on the Lahore Government."

6. "Major Macgregor attends the Durbar. He desires that supplies may be provided at the intermediate stations between Lahore and Ferozepore and Bhyrowal for the British Troops marching between those places. Several cases are decided in his presence."

30th October.

1. Mr. J. Lawrence, with some officers and a party of ladies, visits the apartments of the Palace. He questions Rajah Tej Singh about the large defaulters to Government.

2. Several *roobakarrees* and requests of mine are brought to the attention of the Durbar, among which are the following:—1st, desiring that no money be disbursed from the Toshakhana for charitable or religious purposes without an order, it having hitherto been not unusual to grant the order after payment of the money; such order to be signed by me: 2nd, stating that as Lieutenant Nicholson has written concerning the oppression of the *zemindars* of the *ilakah* of Kuhnec by their Kardar in the levying of extra taxes, etc., it is desirable to relieve them from all assessment whatever save the direct Government one: 3rd, the Lahore Vakeel, in accordance with instructions received from me, states to the Durbar my advice that the Sikh Troops be drilled after the English fashion, but that the flags and standards be those of the Khalsa Jee: 4th,

concerning the numerous robberies committed at Kuchnee Pul—half way to Umritsur: 5th, discountenancing the appropriation of 4,000 rupees—the property of Bhace Maharaj Singh, confiscated to the State—for the adornment of a religious edifice at Kangra, but sanctioning its being laid out on public improvements.

3. "After hearing a letter from Sirdar Golab Singh, Polhoovindeah, at Peshawur, read, the Chiefs suggest the advisability of building a Fort in the Yusufzye country as the shortest way of awing the people into obedience."

4. "In reply to a request preferred by General Cortlandt for some troops to assist in collecting the Bunnoo revenue due for the last autumn, he is told to wait till Lieutenant Edwardes arrives there."

5. "A proposition is made for dismissing the Shelkhoodpoora news-writer from his present post and substituting a more experienced man in his stead."

6. "Sirdar Kanh Singh, Man, is ordered to imprison, for the periods of one and two years, two Fakeers convicted of being engaged in the late disturbance at Goojranwallah."

7. Mr. J. Lawrence attends the Durbar accompanied by four of my Assistants. Dewan Deena Nath presents for his signature a memo. of the expenses attendant on the Dussera amounting to 8,000 rupees. On Mr. Lawrence giving it as his opinion that Dewan Moolraj of Pind Dadun Khan ought to be punished for mismanagement in his late government, a lengthened dispute is brought on between Dewan Deena Nath and Mir Saheb Deel concerning sales of salt, which the former declares to be irregular. Finally, an investigation into the details of the question is promised by Mr. Lawrence. A letter is produced from General Cortlandt requesting some Hurkaras for the Dera Ismael Khan Dak. Mr. Lawrence takes this opportunity of entering into a discussion about the establishment of daks all over the country, marking out on a piece of paper the chief lines, which he shows to the Sirdars. He then enquires from the Dewan regarding the returns of the 'Baree' Doab. He signs *permanahs* to the Kiladar of Govindgurh, etc., ordering attention to be paid to Mr. Currie, who is now travelling towards Lahore. Regarding the unpleasant feelings roused by the non-reciprocation of favors between the Lahore and Cashmere Governments in releasing each other's *jageers*, Mr. Lawrence promises to confer with

Dewan Jowalla Sahaie when he arrives at Lahore. Sirdar Shumshere Singh receives leave of absence to visit his home. Mr. Lawrence complains that notwithstanding the many orders issued on the subject no returns of the proceedings of the Foujdaree and Dewanee Courts have as yet been afforded.

8. The following documents are enclosed:—

No. 1.—Mr. Cocks' Journal on deputation to Jhung for week ending 24th instant.

No. 2.—Captain Abbott's Boundary Journal from 4th to 20th instant.

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VISITS PAID AND RECEIVED.

25th October.

Bhag Singh, Vakeel of the Lahore Government—Treasury accounts. Goburdhun Dass; Suddanund, news-writer—Akhhbars. Fakeers Shums-ood-deen and Zuhoor-ood-deen—complimentary. Mool Singh, Motmid of Rajah Tej Singh; Dewan Hakim Raie; Pundit Shunkur Nath, Dufturee; Sirdar Shere Singh, Attareewallah; Jowahur Singh, Bukhshee, in the employ of Sirdar Shere Singh.

26th October.

Suddanund, news-writer—revenue accounts. Goburdhun Dass, Moonshee of Megh Raj—Treasury accounts. Bhag Singh, Vakeel of the Lahore Government—with Durbar papers. Kazee Mohkum-ood-deen, Vakeel of Maharajah Golab Singh, and Kanh Chund, Dootoo Mul, Mahajuns of Lahore—complimentary. Misr Saheb Decal—customs. Pundit Shunkur Nath, Dufturee—revenue affairs.

Public Durbar—Rajah Tej Singh; Dewan Deena Nath; Sirdar Shere Singh; Ruttun Chund, with long beard; Sirdars Lehna Singh, Majeethia; Kanh Singh, Man; Kanh Singh, Attareewallah; and Shumshere Singh, Sindhanwalia; Bawa Luchmun Singh; Narain Singh; Thakoor Singh; Konwur Kurum Singh, son of the late Maharajah Shere Singh; Misr Saheb Decal; Ruttun Sain, Mundee-wallah; Fakeer Shums-ood-deen; Sheikh Imam-ood-deen; Fakeer Zahoor-ood-deen; Dewan Hakim Raie; Raie Kishun Chund; Dewan Kishun Konwur; Khoosha Singh, Attareewallah; Raie Bhag Singh; Bhace Nidhan Singh; Ram Chund Mohurwalah; Sirdar Urjoon Singh; Bhace Goordumun Singh; Syud Melur Shah; Gholam

Moostufa Shah; Khoosheeram; Luchmee Nurayun; Nidhan Singh, Majeethia; Sobha Ram, Kardar; Sirdars Punjab Singh and Mehtab Singh, Majeethia; Golab Singh, Bhuggoowallah; Ramchunder Putteah; Devee Deeah; Ruttun Singh, brother of Shumshere Singh, Sindhanwallah; Furzund Goolshah; Khoda Buksh; Jela! Khan; Waris Khan; Chiragh-ood-deen; Sirdar Jawaia Singh, and Mool Singh.

27th October.

Goburdhun Dass—Treasury accounts. Lalla Shunkur Nath—revenue papers. Raie Bhag Singh—Durbar papers. Suddanund, news-writer—Akhbars. Gholam Mohce-ood-deen Shah, Vakeel of the Sirdars of Sindhanwallah—complimentary.

28th October.

Godha Mul, Moonshee of Megh Raj—Treasury accounts. Suddanund, news-writer—Akhbars. Lalla Bhag Singh—with Durbar papers. Pundit Shunkur Nath—revenue papers.

29th October.

Godha Mul—Treasury accounts. Suddanund—Akhbars. Lallah Bhag Singh—Durbar papers.

(Sd.) H. M. LAWRENCE,

Agent and Resident.

Political Diary of the Agent, Governor-General, North-West Frontier, and Resident at Lahore, from the 31st October to the 6th November 1847.

SUMMARY OF PUNJAB INTELLIGENCE.

31st October.

1. "Misr Sahab Decal prays the Durbar to issue another and stringent order to the ex-Nazim of Pind Dadun Khan to pay up the 4 lakhs of rupees, which it appears he did not actually produce the other day; and proposes a closer scrutiny into the sale by the Nazim of a lakh of maunds of salt, shown to have been irregular."

2 "A petition stating that Haiyatoollah Khan had gone to Captain Abbott, is received from Colonel Uttur Singh."

3. "The sum of 8,000 rupees is granted for repairing the Public Hall of Audience; etc., to Khaleefa Noor-ood-deen."

4. "A Peshawur Akhbar reports the seizure of some merchants in the act of smuggling salt and which had consequently been confiscated by Major Lawrence. It also states that Sooltan Nujuf Khan was to be put in prison until he fulfilled the terms of his contract (*mooshukhsa*) with Government."

1st November.

1. "Dewan Deena Nath proposes that some employment be given to Dewans Hakim Rafe and Kishun Kotwur."

2. "Miser Sahib Deval, coming to the Durbar in a very melancholy state, is questioned as to the cause, and replies that he does not know how he will be able to pay 6 lakhs of rupees, the amount of his annual contract for the farming of salt, in consequence of the quantity of this article already in the merchants' hands left by Dewan Moolraj and Miser Ruffa Ram."

3. Sirdar Lehna Singh is ordered to see to preparations being made for receiving me at Umritsur, to which place I am going in a couple of days.

4. "An Akhbar is received from Mooltan to the effect that some hill tribes had gone down towards Sukkur for the purpose of plunder and that they had been met by some of the British Troops, who had killed 360 and taken as many more."

5. "Dewan Deena Nath advises the appointment of some person who shall have the general superintendence of all the *ataluts* in the country."

6. "Mr. J. Lawrence pays a short visit to the Maharajah with Mrs. Lawrence and children."

2nd November.

1. A *roohatnamee* of mine, concerning a case of murder, is presented to the Durbar.

2. Mr. Bowring conducts the Chiefs to Durbar at the Residency at Anarkulle. I enquire after the defaulters to the State, as to whether their accounts are ready, *viz.*, Sirdar Runjore Singh, Majeethia, Bakhshsee Bhuggut Ram, Sheikh Imam-ood-deen, Miser Amzeer Chund, etc., and also

regarding the returns of Public Works. The accounts of the defaulters are reported to be in a state of greater or less forwardness; but I am surprised on being told that the item for public buildings will amount to 8,000 or 10,000 rupees monthly and that nearly a lakh of rupees will have been spent in forming drains, etc. I express my opinion that 7,000 or 8,000 rupees should be the utmost expense for drains, as I have never seen more than ten or twenty men employed on them, and desire a detailed account of such expense. Mitta Saiya Dass is appointed to the Kardaree of Kubher, Chundul and Noorpoor. I desire that justice be done to the zemindars of Tulla, who have complained against their Kardar, Raj Roop, for extorting just double the proper amount of revenue. Some allowance had been made to them, but not equivalent to the amount extorted. I complain that not one of the Kardars has paid into the Treasuries a pice for the last autumnal crop. On enquiring as to the decision come to in the dispute between Dewan Moolraj of Pind Dadun Khan and Misr Saheb Deaal, I am informed that Misr Rulia Ram is to levy a tax of 8 annas per maund on all the salt sold by Dewan Moolraj to the merchants, who are also to remove what is on their hands across the Byas; thus a clear field will be left for Misr Saheb Deaal.

After breaking up of the Durbar, Rajah Tej Singh, Dewan Deena Nath and Sirdar Shere Singh came to the conclusion that Dewan Moolraj of Pind Dadun Khan, Huns Raj and Raj Roop should be all put under arrest until their accounts are adjusted. A guard of soldiers is accordingly ordered to be posted over them.

3rd November.

1. "A *perwanah* recalling the present news-writer at Sheikhoo-poor and appointing Pandit Lal Chund to succeed him is sent to the Sirdars stationed at that place."

2. "Dewan Moolraj of Mooltan is ordered to send a statement concerning the murder of a Gunjur."

3. "A proclamation is issued throughout the city forbidding the sale of goods by the shopkeepers at a rate lower than the current tariff." This will be enquired into."

4. "A report is made that an Afghan in the city had cut off the nose of his daughter, whom he had convicted of loose conduct."

5. Sheikh Imam-ood-deen, Misr Ameer Chund, Dewan Hakim Raie and Bakshee Bhuggut Ram are prohibited from attending Durbar. The former immediately promises to pay up soon, begging not to be excluded the Durbar, as 'his honor depends on being present.' A promise is made to intercede for him and Dewan Hakim Raie with me.

6. "Sirdar Heera Singh reports his return from Jowala Mookhee."

7. "Mr. Bowring attends the Durbar. He enquires about and enters into several cases."

8. "The death of Dewan Rulla Ram, Chopra, is reported to the Durbar. It is expected that his *jagters*, which escheat to the State, will amount to 15,000 rupees."

4th November.

1. "Sirdar Outar Singh, Attareewallah, is ordered to enter on the duties of Sirdar Chutter Singh, his father's office, which is to be vacated by him for a month."

2. Agreeably to my orders, the Durbar is informed that until the returns of the Adaltee Mootauddees are sent in, their pay is to be stopped.

3. "A balance sheet exhibiting the accounts of Misr Ameer Chund and Sheikh Imam-ood-deen drawn up in the Government office is pronounced ready."

4. "The Vakeel of Dewan Moolraj and Hunsraj complains of the strict watch kept over them. He is told that no consideration will be shown them till they pay up."

5. "In reply to a suggestion to build two Forts in the Yusufzye country, Sirdar Golab Singh, Pohoovindeah, is ordered to refer to Major Lawrence on the subject."

6. "Dewan Deena Nath announces that the following sums have been received on account of the last autumnal crop, viz.—

Rupees 50,000 from Soobha Ram.

" 15,000 " Ruttun Chund, Reeshdwara.

" 35,000 " Teg Chund.

7. "Roop Chund, Dufturee, reports that a number of women, to the amount of 400 or 500, widows and relations of soldiers killed in

the Sutlej campaign, are waiting for the pension promised them by the Durbar."

5th November.

1. "Rajah Tej Singh holds a long conversation with Dewan Deena Nath on matters of finance, and especially concerning the sums due by the Kardars and salt merchants of Misr Ameer Chund."

2. "In consequence of a representation from Sirdar Lehna Singh, some ordinary furniture, candles and brandy are ordered to be put in the Rambagh Baraduree at Umritsur, which is now set apart for the accommodation of English travellers. A couple of elephants are also ordered to be in attendance at that place." The candles and brandy shall be removed.

3. "Major Macgregor attends the Durbar and hears several cases decided."

6th November.

1. "Rajah Tej Singh laments the backwardness of the Kardars in paying up their instalments for the autumnal crop, only three individuals having made good anything to the Sirkar."

2. In accordance with a request of mine, orders are issued for a general return of the Government elephants in the various parts of the country and their attendant expenses.

3. "The ex-Nazim of Pind Dadun Khan having petitioned that a number of his old Kardars might be sent to Lahore to enable him to clear up his accounts, a *perwanah* ordering their attendance is issued to Misr Rulla Ram."

4. The Vakeel of Rajah Tej Singh notifies to the Durbar my wish to have a detailed account of expenditure on account of buildings. Mool Singh reported to the Durbar that I had observed to him that not less than 200 new Mootsudees had been employed during the last year, while old servants of the State were being discharged, and that I recommended pensions for all old servants according to their standing.

5. Mr. J. Lawrence, accompanied by four of my Assistants, attends Durbar in the Fort. Dewan Deena Nath states that Sheikh Imam-ood-deen has paid in Hoondees, etc., to the amount of 44,000 rupees. Mr. Lawrence signs two *perwanahs*, one releasing a *jageer* of the value of 200 rupees and another resuming a *jageer* of 37½ rupees. He then

complaints of the oppression proved to have been exercised by the armers of the ferries, and desires that strict orders may be issued regarding a tariff of the prices being publicly exhibited on a board at each of the ghauts. Some salt merchants of Jhung and Dera Ismael Khan petition for the remission of 700 rupees due for tax on salt, promising to direct the influx of merchandise into the Khalsa territory. The request is complied with.

6. The following document is enclosed :—

Major G. Lawrence's Peshawur Diary from 24th to 31st ultimo.

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VISITS PAID AND RECEIVED.

1st November.

Goburdhun Dass—Treasury accounts. Suddanund, news-writer—Akhbars. Bhag Singh, Vakeel of the Lahore Government—Durbar papers. Misr Sahab Deedal—customs; Pundit Shunkur Nath, Dufsturree, and Devce Deedal—revenue papers. Lalla Khooshee Ram, Vakeel of Sirdar Lehna Singh—code of laws. Saen Dass, Vakeel of Sirdar Shere Singh, and Fakeer Zahoor-ood-deen—complimentary.

2nd November.

Sirdar Shere Singh—complimentary. Godha Mul, Moonshee of Toshakhana—Treasury accounts. Suddanund, news-writer—Akhbars. Pundit Shunkur Nath—revenue papers.

Public Durbar—Rajah Tej Singh; Dewan Deena Nath; Sirdars Shere Singh and Shunshere Singh; Sheikh Imam-ood-deen; Sirdars Kanh Singh, Man, and Uttur Singh, Kalawalia; Misrs Sahab Deedal and Meg Raj; Ram Chund, Mohurwallah; Devce Deedal; Sirdars Umur Singh, Mehtab Singh and Kanh Singh, Attareewallah; Narain Singh, Motmid of Sirdar Kanh Singh; Raie Kishun Chund, Vakeel—complimentary.

Raie Bhag Singh, Vakeel of the Lahore Government—Durbar papers. Lalla Khooshee Ram, Vakeel of Sirdar Lehna Singh—law papers; Bhace Mukhun Singh; Ruttun Chund, with the long beard, and Ruttun Chund, Doogul—complimentary. Pandit Shunkur Nath—revenue papers. Pundit Radha Kishen and Dewan Hakim Raie—complimentary.

3rd November.

Goburdhun Dass—Treasury accounts. Suddanund, news-writer—Akhbars. Fakeer Shums-ood-deen—complimentary. Lalla Bhag Singh, Vakeel of the Lahore Government—Durbar papers. Pandit Shunkur Nath—revenue papers. Lalla Khooshee Ram, Vakeel of Sirdar Lehna Singh—law papers.

4th November.

Goburdhun Dass—Treasury accounts. Suddanund, news-writer—Akhbars. Pundit Shunkur Nath; Mehta Saen Dass, Kardar, and Devee Deel, Kardar of Kadrabad—revenue papers. Lalla Bhag Singh, Durbar Vakeel—Durbar papers. Mool Singh; Fakeer Zahoor-ood-deen, and Lalla Jai Singh Raie, Moonshee of Fakeer Noor-ood-deen—complimentary.

5th November.

Pundit Shunkur Nath—revenue accounts. Lalla Bhag Singh, Vakeel—Durbar papers. Ruttun Chund with the long beard—Dak papers. Kazee Mohkum-ood-deen, Vakeel of Maharajah Golab Singh—to deliver a letter and some goats.

6th November.

Suddanund, news-writer—Akhbars. Goburdhun Dass—Treasury accounts. Bawa Luchmun Dass—complimentary. Bukshee Umreek Raie—regarding pay of troops. Mool Singh and Pundit Shunkur Nath—regarding the boundary between Maharajah Golab Singh, and the Lahore territories. Lalla Sobha Ram, Kardar—revenue affairs. Lalla Bhag Singh, Vakeel of the Lahore Government—Durbar papers. Misr Saheb Deel—customs. Shiva Deel, Moonshee of the Moddee Khana—with papers of the expenditure of the Seikhs. Jummadar Choonnee Lall; Raie Kishun Chund and Goordut Singh—complimentary.

(Sd.) H. M. LAWRENCE,

Agent and Resident.

Political Diary of the Agent, Governor-General, North-West Frontier, and Resident at Lahore, from the 7th to the 13th November 1847.

SUMMARY OF PUNJAB INTELLIGENCE.

7th November.

1. "Rajah Tej Singh questions Bukshee Bhugut Rain as to his accounts which are declared by him to be ready for the Government Duffurees to examine; he is made to sit with four Government and two of Dewan Deena Nath's Duffurees and Sirdar Urjun Singh, Rungurnglea, for that purpose."

2. "An order is given that as the custom houses of Umritsur and Lahore are closed the pensions of widows, etc., on them shall be paid up to the month of September and henceforward by their respective Kardars."

3. "An emissary is sent from the Durbar to Kazeer Mokhum-ooddeen, the Vakeel of Maharajah Golab Singh, to remonstrate with him for not having redeemed his promise to obtain the release by His Highness of a *jageer* belonging to Meean Ruttun Singh."

4. "Rajah Tej Singh proposes the bestowal of a *jageer* on one Purkhoo in compensation for one he previously held in the Jullunder and recently resumed by the British." This matter is to be referred to me.

5. "The sum of 500 rupees is ordered to be given to the Maharajah's *purohit* (priest) and 3,000 rupees to the Fakeers living in the neighbourhood of Lahore."

6. "Miser Sahib Deaal is appointed Master of the Government Mint at Umritsur. He is ordered to preserve the same proportions of alloy and pure metal in all new coinage as obtained in Runjeet Singh's time."

7. "This being the festival of the *Dewallee*, the fort and bazars are illuminated in the evening."

8th November.

1. "A wish to send a *seafut* to Mr. W. Currie is expressed by the Durbar."

2. "The Kardar of Dera Ismael Khan reports that the collections for the last autumnal crop at that place have only amounted to 11,000

rupees, whereas the total annual revenue should be 40,000 rupees. He prefers a request on behalf of the zemindars for a remission of 6,000 rupees promised by Nou Nihal Singh, but never allowed. He also states that in consequence of the zemindars of Aisee Khilan having refused to pay in their revenue, General Cortlandt has sent a company of sepoy, 5 swivel guns and 2 cannons to enforce its payment."

3. "The Dufsturees are employed all the day in preparing Bukshee Bhugut Ram's accounts."

4. "A petition is received from Sirdar Boor Singh stating that with the company of sepoy posted at Sheikhoopoor there is no officer, and that the Maharanee is desirous of being allowed to draw bills on the Toshakhana for the current expenses of Sirdar Jowahir Singh's (her brother) tomb. Rajah Tej Singh promises that an officer shall be appointed to the company; but as to the Maharanee drawing bills on the Treasury, she might do so if she pleased, but the amount would be deducted from her allowance, as the sum of 2 rupees per diem, which had been granted by the Durbar for the payment of the current expenses of Sirdar Jowahir Singh's tomb, he considered ample for such a purpose."

5. "Rajah Tej Singh, Dewan Deena Nath and Sirdar Shere Singh, Attareewallah, pay a visit of condolence to Lieutenant Edwardes on account of the death of that officer's brother."

9th November.

1. A petition is preferred to the Durbar by some Motmids of the Ladwah Rajah for an increased allowance in behalf of His Highness' Ranees. They are told that as I have promised a fixed allowance from the British Government nothing further can be granted them.

2. My chief news-writer expresses his opinion that the adjustment of Bukshee Bhugut Ram's accounts will prove a matter of time and difficulty.

3. "A plan of Dak routes is presented by Moonshee Ruttun Chund, Reeshduraz."

4. "Sirdar Lehna Singh, Majeethia, informs the Durbar that he has decided on inflicting a fine of 1,000 rupees on a man, the murderer of his wife, whom he had convicted of adultery. He is told that 500 rupees will be a sufficiently severe penalty." The case has been referred

to me, and I have expressed my opinion that a heavier punishment ought to be inflicted as the man had no right under the circumstances of the case to take the law into his own hands.

5. "Rajah Tej Singh consults Dewan Deena Nath regarding the *ilakah* of Bijwat, an ancient possession of the former's, which has recently been made over to Maharajah Golab Singh as falling within his boundary. The Rajah suggests an equivalent being granted him by the Sirkar."

6. Major Macgregor conducts the Chiefs to Durbar at the Residency at Anarkullee. Rajah Tej Singh, Dewan Deena Nath, and Sirdar Lehna Singh are all absent, owing to indisposition. I mention to the Durbar what Captain Abbott had written regarding the unserviceable state of a regiment with him, one half of which is prostrated by sickness and the other half in Lahore. The latter portion is to be sent out to join, and an order is to be issued to the officers at Rawul Pindie to place their regiment at the disposal of Captain Abbott when desired by that officer. I express my disappointment at the returns of the Regimental Officers not having been sent in, as desired; they are promised tomorrow. I desire that treasure be sent from Mooltan or Pind Dadun Khan for the purpose of paying up the troops now in Bunnoo. After enquiring about the accounts of Sirdars Runjore and Lehna Singh, Ma-jeethia, and Mullik Futteh Khan, Towanah, the Durbar is dissolved.

10th November.

1. "Returns of the soldiers belonging to regiments stationed in the country now in Lahore, on duty or otherwise, are presented to the Durbar."

2. "Leave of absence for 15 days is granted to Sirdar Shere Singh, Attareewallah, for the purpose of visiting his father, Sirdar Chutter Singh."

3. "Teg Chund, Kardar, announces that he has brought 30,000 rupees revenue collected within his Kardaree."

4. "A petition being received from Sirdar Heera Singh for the restoration of 2,000 rupees said to be due to him by the Kardar of Goojranwallah, an answer is given to the effect that as soon as he delivers up the property plundered by him from the Fort of that place the rupees shall be restored, but not otherwise."

5. " *Perwanahs* are sent to the various Kardars in the neighbourhood of Pind Dadun Khan ordering them to provide Mr. Bowring with returns of their several *ilakahs* on his arrival there. A similar order is issued to General Cortlandt with respect to Lieutenant Edwardes."

6. "A reprimand is sent to Colonel Uttur Singh, Man (concerning whose dilatoriness in obeying orders Captain Abbott recently wrote), with instructions to be prompt and alert in future."

7. Mool Singh, Vakeel, mentions to the Durbar my anxiety, as expressed to him, for the adjustment of the accounts of Sirdars Lehna and Runjore Singh, Majeethia. Dewan Deena Nath asks—"how they are to be adjusted since neither of them is able to produce orders for payments or receipts for money disbursed."

8. "Dewan Jowalla Sahaie, Motmid of Maharajah Golab Singh, arrives at Lahore this evening."

9. "A man who had kidnapped a child and taken it to a short distance from the town with the intention, it is supposed, of murdering it and stripping it of its ornaments, is observed by a Sikh, who takes him to the *adalat*, on which he is imprisoned for 5 years by that functionary."

11th November.

1. "Conformably with my request the Durbar orders the discontinuance of the *daks*, farmed out to one Choonce Lal, between Lahore, Ferozepore and Jullunder."

2. "In reply to his petition Sirdar Boor Singh is promised that the company of sepoy's at Sheikhoopoorah shall be relieved, but is ordered to inform the Maharajah that her request for a further grant of money for the adornment of Sirdar Jowahir Singh's tomb cannot be complied with."

3. "Misr Sahib Deenal complains that the Nazim of Mooltan has again restored the old scale of customs, in doing which his interests have been injured." I will see to this.

4. "The Misr afterwards represents that his father, Misr Rulla Ram, complains of the harshness of the rule by which he is obliged to search out moonsiffs and witnesses for cases pending in the *adalat*, and names several concurrent expenses in the process. Dewan Deena

Nath therefore addresses a *perwanah* to Sirdar Lal Singh, Morarea (regarding whom the present petition is offered), ordering him not to throw the onus of producing moonsiffs, etc., on the Kardars or others, but on the parties of the case in question, who again are to defray all expenses."

5. "The City Kotwal is reprimanded for having allowed some camels laden with fuel to enter the city. He is told to prevent the ingress of all such in future and to issue notices to this effect, because camels thus laden block up the narrow streets of the city and interrupt the progress of passengers."

12th November.

1. "Adjoodhea Pershad, under whose custody the ex-Nazim of Pind Dadun Khan is kept, is ordered to get from him 300 rupees due for fines since his imprisonment, and to take 25 rupees per diem from him until he has adjusted his accounts."

2. "Sirdar Uttur Singh, Kalewallah, is instructed to send 500 sowars under Sirdar Ram Singh, Jutuh, to Bunnoo; Sirdar Mungul Singh, Gurheea, is ordered to proceed there with 100 and send on Sultan Mahomed Khan with 2,000 sowars and foot from Peshawur."

3. A *roobakaree* of mine desiring that the buildings now being carried on by Fakeer Noor-ood-deen be stopped until the arrival of Major Napier, and also that the proceeds of farming the spirit and gaming houses, the ferries, etc., be appropriated year by year to Public Works is received. The Fakeer is accordingly directed to obey my instructions and to send in his accounts up to the present time. A second *roobakaree* is read referring to a letter of General Cortlandt's concerning the increasing the Bunnoo force, the former plans regarding which I request may be adhered to.

4. In accordance with another *roobakaree* issued by me the Durbar orders the circulation of notices throughout the country that the festival of the *Busunt* will be celebrated for eight days, during which period fairs will be held to which merchants are invited to bring their goods.

5. "It appears that there is still a dispute existing between Sirdars Jowala and Sardool Singh, Man, regarding some debts to the Sirkar left by their father. Sirdar Lehna Singh proposes that the distribution of

their property, as decreed the other day by the Umritsur Panches, be postponed until the liquidation of the debts."

6. "Colonel Golab Singh is ordered to proceed to Sheikhoopoorah with a company of sepoy's, one Commandant, one Officer and a Subadar."

7. "Major Macgregor attends the Durbar and superintends the hearing of some cases."

8. Mier Sahib Deel informs the Durbar that the *nirrikh* of salt in Lahore has been fixed with my concurrence at Rupees 2-10-6 per maund.

13th November.

1. "It having been proved that Raj Roop, their former Kardar, had extorted money to the amount of 5,000 rupees from the zemindars of Tullah, a *perwanah* is sent ordering him to make remissions to them in the amount above named."

2. "A representation from the Nazim of Mooltan, stating that some zemindars of Jhung had come down into his territory with evil intent, is received. He is told in reply to send a Motmid to confer with Mr. Cocks."

3. "In consequence of a request preferred by Nawab Sur Furaz Khan, brother to the former Governor of Mooltan, an increase of 500 rupees per annum is made to the allowances of the children of Alee Mahomed Khan, Khoodkeh."

4. "A *sirwarra* of 500 rupees is ordered to be prepared for Major Lawrence and *khilluts* for Lieutenant Edwardes and Mr. Bowring."

5. "A *perwanah* is addressed to Sirdar Golab Singh, Pohoovindeeah, ordering him to distribute blood money to the Sikh soldiers, wounded in the recent skirmishes with the Yusufzyes."

6. I attend the Durbar, accompanied by Mr. J. Lawrence, four of my Assistants, the Venerable Archdeacon Dealtry and a few officers. Sirdar Lehna Singh, Majeethia, informs me that he has been busy in providing for the police of the Lahore and Umritsur road, and that places of shelter for travellers have been commenced.

Mool Singh, Vakeel, mentions that 2,600 sowars, 7 regiments infantry, 3 guns, and 100 Zumbooraks are to be sent after Lieutenant Edwardes to Bunnoo. I express my satisfaction at the arrangement.

Referring to the discontinuance of the Durbar's Daks between Lahore, Ferozepore and Jullunder, I hint at the advisability of levying a postage on letters, etc., transmitted by the same. This proposal seems to meet with approval. I also desire that the establishment of Dak runners from the various *adultees* and others be suspended as entailing a useless expenditure.

I enquire as to the money matters of Mier Ameer Chund, Sirdar Runjore Singh and Kardars in general. It appears that the Mier has paid up all the cash due, except that proceeding from the Hoondoes furnished by the salt merchants. As to the Kardars and others, Rajah Tej Singh observes that the only chance of recovering their arrears is by constantly remonstrating. I therefore suggest that notices be served to Kardars informing them that if they do not make good their arrears in 15 days, they will be punished. The Rajah assents to this. I inform him that I have written to Captain Abbott regarding his estate of Bijwat, recently resumed as falling within Maharajah Golab Singh's boundary, at which he is much pleased.

I affix my signature to four *perwanahs*, one of them authorizing the transmission of a sum of money to the news-writer at Shah Jehanabad. I express my opinion of the utter uselessness of maintaining a news-writer at this place, and tell the Durbar that they can have any Hindoostanee newspapers they please. I do not yield to their wishes, indirectly expressed, to keep on this news-writer.

7. My chief news-writer states that soldiers are being enlisted by Sheikh Imam-ood-deen on account of Government for the forts of Gheba and Dhunnee, and that the Sheikh's friends are to have the command of them.

8. The following documents are enclosed:—

No. 1.—Major Lawrence's Peshawur Diary from 31st October to 6th November.

No. 2.—Lieutenant Lumsden's Diary from 25th to 31st October.

No. 3.—Captain Abbott's Boundary Journal from 19th October to 3rd November.

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VISITS PAID AND RECEIVED.

8th November.

Goburdhun Dasa and Mier Megh Raj—Treasury accounts. Suddanund, news-writer—Akhbars. Bussanoo, Wuzeer of Mundee—complimentary. Lalla Bhag Singh, Vakeel—Durbar papers. Suddanund, news-writer—Akhbars. Pundit Shunkur Nath—revenue papers. Fakeer Zahoor-ood-deen—complimentary. Mullick Allayar Khan, Kalabaughwallah—with a complaint of loss by new customs rules. Mool Singh—boundary.

Lalla Khooshee Ram, Vakeel of Sirdar Lehna Singh; Saen Dass, Vakeel of Sirdar Shere Singh; Nabbee Buksh, Kotwal of Umritsar; Gunesh Dass, Moonshee of Sirdar Uttur Singh, with his Master; Lallas Dadunshah, and Kanh Chund, Surpunches of Lahore—complimentary.

9th November.

Sirdar Shere Singh, Astareewallah—complimentary. Goburdhun Dasa, Moonshee of Toshakhanah—Treasury accounts.

Public Durbar—Aurif Khan, Motmid of the Nawab of Mooltan; Suddanund, news-writer; Lalla Bhag Singh, Vakeel of the Lahore Government; Jai Singh Raie, Moonshee of Fakeer Noor-ood-deen; Kazeer Mohkum-ood-deen, Vakeel of Maharajah Golab Singh; Lalla Khooshee Ram, Vakeel of Sirdar Lehna Singh; Mool Singh; Sirdars Utter Singh, Shere Singh, Golab Singh, and Kanh Singh; Raies Kishun Chund and Bhag Singh, Vakeels; Raie Singh, brother of Raie Kishun Chund; Ram Chund, Moherwallah; Dasee Sahaie; Fakeers Noor-ood-deen, Shuma-ood-deen, Jummal-ood-deen and Zahoor-ood-deen; Sheikh Emam-ood-deen; Dewan Busakha Singh; Bhaces Mohan Singh and Hurgopal Singh; Sirdar Keer Singh; Radha Kishun, Pundit; Sirdar Kowak Singh; Sahab Singh, son of Esapooresti, and Dewan Mool Singh.

10th November.

Mool Singh—complimentary. Suddanund, news-writer—Akhbar. Pundit Shunkur Nath—revenue accounts. Lalla Khooshee Ram, Vakeel of Sirdar Lehna Singh—code of laws. Saen Dass, Vakeel of Sirdar Shere Singh; Chirinjee Singh, son of Bhace Ram Singh—complimentary.

11th November.

Sirdars Shere Singh and Golab Singh, and Saen Dass, Vakeel of Sirdar Shere Singh—complimentary. Suddanund, news-writer—Akhbars of the country. Lalla Bhag Singh, Vakeel of the Lahore Government—Durbar papers. Pundit Shunkur Nath—revenue accounts. Fakeer Shums-ood-deen—complimentary. Kazee Mohkum-ood-deen, Vakeel of Maharajah Golab Singh—reporting arrival of Jowala Sahale, Fakeer Zahoor-ood-deen—complimentary. Lalla Khooshee Ram, Vakeel of Sirdar Lehna Singh—regarding complimentary matters. Syeds Hoosain Shah and Hussan Shah of Bhutta—complimentary. Syed Ghoolam Moostufa Shah of Buttala—complimentary. Dewan Deena Nath—on private matters. Mool Singh—regarding the army.

12th November.

Goburdhun Dass, Moonshee of Toshakhana—Treasury accounts. Suddanund, news-writer—Akhbars. Ruttun Chund with the long beard—Dak papers. Suddanund, news-writer—with Akhbars. Lalla Bhag Singh, Vakeel of the Lahore Government—Durbar papers. Dewan Jowala Sahale, Motmid of Maharajah Golab Singh, and Kazee Mohkum-ood-deen—regarding balance due by the Maharajah. Raie Kishun Chund, Vakeel of the Lahore Government—complimentary. Ram Chunder, Futteah—with the records of his office. Misr Sahib Deval—customs. Pundit Shunkur Nath.

13th November.

Goburdhun Dass, Moonshee of Toshakhana—Treasury papers. Suddanund, news-writer—Akhbars. Dewan Jowala Sahale, Motmid of Maharajah Golab Singh, and Kazee Mohkum-ood-deen, Vakeel—to discuss the Chumba boundary. Lalla Bhag Singh, Vakeel of the Lahore Government—with Durbar papers. Saen Dass, Vakeel of Sirdar Shere Singh—complimentary. Umeer Chund, Moonshee of the Lahore Government—Durbar returns. Fakeer Shums-ood-deen and Sirdar Golab Singh—complimentary. Jai Singh Raie, Moonshee of Fakeer Noor-ood-deen—with returns of expenditure.

14th November.

Goburdhun Dass, Moonshee of Toshakhana—Treasury papers. Jai Singh Raie, Moonshee of Fakeer Noor-ood-deen—Durbar returns.

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Political Diary of the Agent, Governor-General, North-West-Frontier, and Resident at Lahore, from the 14th to the 20th November 1847.

SUMMARY OF PUNJAB INTELLIGENCE

14th November.

1. " *Pertumanahs* are addressed to the ex-Nazim of Pind Dadun Khan, Raj Roop, Hunsraj, Misr Ameer Chund and Sirdar Runjore Singh, Majeethia, informing them that unless their arrears are made good by the 15th *Mughur* (November) they will be imprisoned."

2. " Ruttun Chund, Reeshiduraz, is ordered to pay up arrears due to the *Dak* runners attached to the *adalats* and to dismiss them forthwith."

3. " An order is issued to Sirdar Golab Singh, Pohoovindessah, to send off without delay the troops appointed for Bunnoo in company with Sirdar Sultan Mahomed Khan."

4. The Durbar Vakeel reads a *roobakarnae* from me concerning the management of the Maharajah's Toshakhana, an inventory of the contents of which I desire may be taken, and all orders on which I request may be offered for my countersignature.

15th November.

1. The Vakeel of Sirdar Lehna Singh, Majeethia, on applying for an order in payment of the expenses of the *Dewallee* festival at Umritsur, is told to get a draft from Dewan Deena Nath on the Umritsur Treasury, but at the same time is advised that it will be difficult, though necessary, to obtain my countersignature, as I had even refused to sign an order one day for 25 rupees.

2. " Kazeer Molikum-ood-deen represents to Rajah Tej Singh that a *jageer* belonging to Sheikh Saudagur, a Motmid of Rajah Soochet Singh, has been interfered with by some of his people. An enquiry is ordered."

3. " The number of soldiers already enlisted for the Forts of Gheb, etc., amounts to 300."

4. " The Sirdars, alluding to the many refusals they have recently been obliged to make to applicants for marriage presents, say ' that they have not now the power to give away anything, not even a farthing, without the sanction of the Burra Sahib.' "

5. "The Duffrees make the announcement that the shortest time in which it will be possible to adjust Bukeeshee Bhuggut Ram's accounts, extending over a period of 17 years and amounting to 13 crores of rupees, will be six months."

16th November.

1. I visit the Palace accompanied by Doctor Dealtry and a party of ladies.

2. "The Treasurer is ordered to distribute the sum of 5,000 rupees among the widows of the soldiers killed in the engagement near Ferozepore."

3. Four *ronbakhrees* of mine are received by the Durbar:—1st, desiring an inventory of the Maharajah's Toshakhana; 2nd, asking for information regarding the appointment of four pay-masters, as suggested by me; 3rd, advising the attachment of Bukeeshee Bhuggut Ram's *jageer* for the present and imprisonment in the fort of Gobindgurh should his accounts remain uncleared after the expiration of 15 days; 4th, in regard to the Prema conspirators, requesting that the term of imprisonment decreed against Moonshee Boota Singh be limited to 14 years.

4. The Vakeel of Sirdar Lehna Singh, Majeethia, reports my having received yesterday the Panches of the Sikh villages in the Manjha and given them a present of 1,000 rupees; and they were consequently very loud in my praise. These were the headmen of 25 or 30 villages who had been sent for four months ago to consult regarding a code of laws.

5. A petition is received from Sirdar Golab Singh, Polhoovindeeah, reporting that he has paid away 30,000 rupees to the regular troops within his jurisdiction.

6. Major G. Lawrence, Mr. Inglis and Lieutenant Pollock visit the Maharajah for the purpose of presenting *sarwarnas*, the former of 500 rupees and the latter of 125 rupees each. The Chiefs afterwards attend Durbar at the Residency at Anarkullee. Dewan Deena Nath informs me in reply to a question put that no further instalments for the last *khureef* crop have as yet been received, but that stringent orders have been issued to all concerned in the collections. I countersign an

order for 1,853 rupees, an offering to the temple at Umrîtaur. Four other *perwanahs* are also brought for my signature, one of them authorizing the purchase of *ten* chairs for the Shalimar Gardens. Dewan Deena Nath tells me that it is impossible that Bukshee Bhuggut Ram's accounts can be adjusted quickly, so long and extended are they. After a short conversation about him, it is agreed that he shall be imprisoned at Govindgurh unless he presents a clear statement within a fortnight hence. The Dewan then informs me that he has adjusted the accounts of the ex-Nazim of Pind Dadun Khan, Sirdars Lehna and Runjore Singh, Majeethia, and Dewan Dowlut Raie, and that he will shortly present them for my inspection. As Dewan Moolraj of Mooltan has expressed a wish to pay me a visit, I desire that a *perwanah* be issued telling him to come up by dâk in three days' time. The Durbar having broken up, I take Rajah Tej Singh, Dewan Deena Nath and some of the Chiefs to the top of my house, where I propose a reduction of the Ghorchurah sowars to the extent of 2,000, on the principle of pensioning old servants and giving six months' pay to younger ones. A short conversation on the subject ensues, after which I agree to consult the Durbar Vakeel on the morrow more leisurely.

17th November.

1. A *perwanah* is sent to the Nazim of Mooltan informing him that if he wishes to see me, he must lose no time in starting.

2. "The Treasurer is called on to furnish a detailed account of the various coins in the Treasury."

3. "A bond is taken from Bukshee Bhuggut Ram by which he agrees to pay Rupees 1-4-0 for every rupee that is found to be incorrect in his pay accounts (now being adjusted)." I had nothing to say to this.

4. "Sirdar Uttur Singh, Kalawallah, is ordered to prepare returns of the sowars now in Lahore, showing all details concerning the men, their regiments, time of service, amount of *jager*, etc."

5. The Lahore Vakeel reads a *morasila* from me in which a distribution of titles in the following manner is suggested:—

"Rajah" to Dewan Deena Nath and Sirdar Chutter Singh, Attaseewallah.

"Bahadur" to Sirdar Mungul Singh (brother-in-law of Maharajah Khurruk Singh) and Sirdar Goormukh Singh, Lumba.

"Motmid-ood-dowlah" to Dewan Moolraj, Nazim of Mooltan.

"Mohsan-ood-dowlah" to Mir Saheb Deel.

"Ameen-ood-dowlah" to Mir Megh Raj.

"Raie" to Mool Singh and Anunt Ram.

After the letter being read Raie Kishun Chund expresses his hope that the title of Raie may be conferred on his son, Bhag Singh; and Rajah Tej Singh informs the Durbar that I have promised him the title of Kalan Bahadoor.

In the evening I go to the race-course accompanied by Mr. J. Lawrence and my Assistants for the purpose of inspecting all the beasts of burden of the Durbar and the casting of such as should be unfit for further service. The Sirdars, in talking the matter over among themselves after the inspection, express their approbation of the measure, and say that in the same manner musters of the sowars ought to be held: they speak of my being "a second Runjeet Singh" to them.

18th November.

1. "The Maharajah accompanied by Mr. J. Lawrence, Brigadier Campbell, and some of the Sirdars goes out a short distance from Lahore for a day's shooting."

2. "The Sheikhoopoorah Akhbar mentions that the Maharanee had been unwell for a few days, but that she had now quite recovered and done *pooja*."

3. "Sirdar Lehna Singh, Majeethia, is ordered to send a Motmid to Lieutenant Lake, who will shortly commence a summary settlement of parts of the Manjha."

4. "Colonel Golab Singh reports that Munshi Boota Singh, together with Prema and nine State prisoners, had been sent to Ferozepore *en route* to Delhi."

5. "A *perwanah* is addressed to the Nazim of Mooltan stating that, as he had lately shown himself dissatisfied, if his discontent arose from some of his Kardars having absconded into the Jhung territory, remissions should be made to him to the extent of their defalcations; or that if he

had lost heart at the rebellious character of his people, he should make use of his troops against them."

6. "Misr Ameer Chund is ordered to send a Motmid to Lahore, who shall account for the sale of salt to some hill merchants to the amount of some 18,000 rupees."

7. Rajah Tej Singh desires Raie Kishun Chund to inform me that the auspicious day for conferring the new titles has been fixed for the 13th *Mughur* (25th November).

8. I visit the houses of Rajah Tej Singh and Sirdar Lehna Singh, Majeetha, in company with Doctor Deatry and a party of ladies.

19th November.

1. A jemadar with a party of ten-sepoys is posted to the Fort of Sheikhhoopora.

2. My chief news-writer informs me that there is an unmistakable enmity between Misr Sahab Deaal and Dewan Deena Nath; for that the former accuses the latter of having made an allowance in the former Nazim of Pind Dadun Khan's accounts to the amount of 1,15,000 rupees, under the item of "expenses," and of having moreover remitted to the same individual the sum of 3 lakhs of rupees.

3. *Perwanahs* are sent to the Kardars of Goojrat, Rohitas, Rawul Pindie, etc., ordering them to indemnify their zemindars for all contributions levied from them for Captain Abbott's camp.

4. A *soobakatee* is received from me on the subject of Pind Dadun Khan salt, sold by the ex-Nazim, the main point being a permission to the merchants who bought that salt to sell it where they please. A long discussion on this subject is brought on between Dewan Deena Nath and Misr Sahab Deaal, which does not advance the question, leading only to Rajah Tej Singh telling the former that he is not too well disposed to the Misr, on which the Dewan declares his perfect good will.

5. A petition is received from Bhace Narayan Singh, Thanadar of Baba Nanuk, to the effect that a Sahibzadah, a notorious gambler, had collected a number of his friends and opposed his (the Thanadar's) efforts to arrest him. Sirdar Lehna Singh is ordered to investigate the matter.

6. Rajah Tej Singh informs the Durbar that the four new paymasters are Umreek Raie, Luchmun Porshaud, Soobah Raie and Roop Chund.

20th November.

1. One of the sons of Fakeer Noor-ood-deen prays that some title may be conferred on him at the approaching installation.

2. A *roobakaree* is received from me stating my wish that one of my Assistants should daily visit the Maharajah for an hour or half an hour, for the purpose of seeing him read and write and teaching him some history. The Durbar hesitate in adopting this proposition, saying that His Highness is yet very young and timid.

3. "A petition is received from the Nazim of Mooltan full of complaints of the unprosperous state of his customs and the emigration of his zemindars into the territory of the Sirkar, where they find themselves more lightly assessed, and praying that the Mooltan customs may be amalgamated with those of the Sirkar." The petition is to be referred to me.

4. "Rae Kishun Chund presents returns of all the horses of the Sirkar."

5. "Rajah Tej Singh writes a letter of remonstrance to Sirdar Heera Singh for not having, as repeatedly ordered, sent in returns of the stores at Bhopalwalla."

6. "The Kotwal is ordered to issue advertisements throughout the city of the sale of the Sirkar's cast horses."

7. A *roobakaree* is received from me regarding the deficiency of horses in the troop at Puncha Sabab and also of blankets for the horses. A second *roobakaree* also desiring that orders be sent to Sirdar Lal Singh, Morarreea, *Adaltee* of the Chuch Doab, to refer all cases of murder to the Durbar.

8. "The Sheikhoopoor Akhbar states that the Maharanee had distributed some offerings to Brahmins and sent 200 rupees to Lahore to be bestowed on various temples; and also that on hearing a report of the Maharajah going out to Mahadevee, Her Highness had sent out sowars to ascertain the truth of it."

9. "A portion of Sirdar Lehna Singh Majeethia's accounts is inspected."

10. The Treasurer is ordered to disburse the sum of 8,336 rupees to the widows of soldiers killed in the engagements of Ferozepore, due for the months of September and October.

11. I attend the Durbar accompanied by 5 of my Assistants and some officers. Having been saluted on my way to the Palace by a crowd of women, widows of soldiers who fell in the Sutlej Campaign, vociferating their demands for pension, I enquire as to the cause of the same, and am told that it is owing to the resumption of their *dhurmurths*, rendered inevitable by the new system of managing the customs. I desire that their allowances be given now and in future with regularity. I request the Durbar to send a proper number of sowars to escort Lal Singh, Adaluttee, to Ferozepore, sentenced to imprisonment for life. A *khillut* of seven pieces, and 700 rupees is bestowed on Major Lawrence's chief Moonshee. This is the amount of half a bribe he handed over to Major Lawrence.

I ask the Maharajah on what day he would like to witness an exhibition of "dissolving views," there being a man now in Lahore ready to display the same. We fix on Wednesday next.

I sign an order for a daily allowance of Rupees 3-12-0 to be expended on the religious offerings of the Umritsur temple.

12. The following documents are enclosed :—

No. 1.—Lieutenant Taylor's Diary *en route* to Peshawur from 13th September to 11th October 1847.

No. 2.—Mr. Cocks' Journal from 25th October to 7th November.

No. 3.—Do. do. from 8th to 14th instant.

No. 4.—Lieutenant Taylor's Peshawur Diary from 7th to 13th instant.

No. 5 and 6.—Lieutenant Nicholson's Diaries from 10th to 30th October and from 30th October to 13th November.

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VISITS PAID AND RECEIVED.

15th November 1847.

Khulleefa Noor-ood-deen and Sirdar Golab Singh—complimentary.
Goburdhun Dass, Moonshee of Toshakhana—Treasury. Saen Dass,

Vakeel of Sirdar Shere Singh, and Sirdar Uttur Singh—complimentary. Lalla Bhag Singh, Vakeel of the Lahore Government—Durbar papers. Mier Megh Raj—Treasury accounts. Suddanund, news-writer—Punjab Akhbar. Mool Singh—with army paper. Dewan Jowala Sabaie, Motmid of Maharajah Golab Singh—on Cashmere affairs, and those of Chumba. Bagha, Vuzeer of the Rajah of Mundee, and Kazeer Mohkum-ood-deen, Vakeel of Maharajah Golab Singh—on Chumba affairs. Lalla Khooshee Ram, Vakeel of Sirdar Lehna Singh, Majeethia—with certain cases. Peer Bukah, ex-Kotwal of Pool Kunchunnee; Lalla Khooshee Ram, Vakeel of Sirdar Lehna Singh, Majeethia, and Raie Kishun Chund, Vakeel of the Lahore Government.

16th November.

Goburdhun Dass, Moonshee of Toshiakhana—Treasury accounts. Ruttun Chund with long beard—Dak papers. Suddanund, news-writer—with Akhbar. Asa Nund, Vakeel of the Nazim of Mooltan, and Dayee Dutta, his Moonshee—with letter from Mooltan. Fakeer Zahoor-ood-deen—complimentary. Pandit Shunkur Nath—with settlement papers. Lalla Bhag Singh, Vakeel of the Lahore Government—Durbar papers. Gunesh Dass, Moonshee of Sirdar Uttur Singh—for instructions regarding cavalry. Lalla Khooshee Ram, Vakeel of Sirdar Lehna Singh, Majeethia, and Raie Kishun Chund, Vakeel of the Lahore Government—with papers. Mier Saheb Deel—with papers. Narain Singh, Motmid of Sirdar Sham Singh, Attareewallah, and Saen Dass, Vakeel of Sirdar Shere Singh—of his master's case.

Public Durbar—Rajah Tej Singh; Sirdars Uttur Singh, Golab Singh, Kanh Singh, Ummer Singh and Mehtab Singh; Dewan Deena Nath; Bhace Nidhan Singh; Sirdar Keer Singh, son of Sirdar Uttur Singh; Miers Megh Raj and Saheb Deel; Sheikh Imam-ood-deen; Bhace Mukhun Singh; Khulleefa Noor-ood-deen; Fakeers Shuma-ood-deen and Taj-ood-deen; Sirdar Urjoon Singh, Rungurhungleca; Ram Chund, Mohurwallah; Ram Chunder, Rapotwallah; Ruttun Chund, Doogul; Sirdars Sardool Singh, son of Futteh Singh, Man, and Jowala Sabaie, his second son; Raie Bhag Singh, Vakeel of the Lahore Government; Bawa Luchmun Singh, Motmid of Sirdar Lehna Singh, Majeethia; Jowahir Singh, Bustunnee; Devee Dutta, Moonshee of the Nazim of Mooltan; Dewan Jowahir Mull, Kardar of Saheewall; Mool Singh and Saen Dass, Vakeel of Sirdar Shere Singh.

17th November.

Suddanund, news-writer—Akhbars. Mool Singh—with paper. Go-burdhun Dass, Moonshee of Toshakhana—Treasury accounts. Lalla Bhag Singh, Vakeel of the Lahore Government—Durbar accounts. Fakeer Zahoor-ood-deen—complimentary. Pundit Shunkur Nath—revenue papers. Sirdars Mehtab Singh, Majeethia, and Ummer Singh—regarding their systems. Sirdar Paenda Khan, son of Mahomed Shur-reef Khan, Wuzeer of His Highness the late Shah Shooja-ool-moolk—regarding his pension. Sirdar Golab Singh and Fakeer Shums-ood-deen—complimentary.

18th November.

Pundit Shunkur Nath—revenue papers. Dowan Jowala Sahaie, Motmid of Maharajah Golab Singh—on Cashmere affairs. Suddanund, news-writer—Akhbars. Kazee Mohkum-ood-deen, Vakeel of Maharajah Golab Singh—Cashmere affairs. Lalla Bhag Singh, Vakeel of the Lahore Government—Durbar papers. Bawa Luchmun Singh, Motmid of Sirdar Lehna Singh; Bhace Mukhon Singh, Grunthoe; Rale Kishun Chund, Vakeel of the Lahore Government; and Asa Nund, Vakeel of the Nazim of Mooltan—regarding the system.

19th November.

Phoola Singh, Sowar, the young Maharajah's orderly—to report Maharajah's arrival from shooting. Suddanund, news-writer—Akhbars. Pundit Shunkur Nath—revenue accounts. Lalla Bhag Singh, Vakeel of the Lahore Government—Durbar papers.

20th November.

Bagha, Wuzeer of the Rajah of Chumba; Deel Singh and Muktoo-mul, the said Rajah's Vakeels—regarding boundary. Suddanund, news-writer—Akhbars. Misr Saheb Deel—with customs returns. Bagha, Wuzeer of the Rajah of Chumba—regarding the affairs of his master. Dyal Singh and Beejoo, Vakeels of ditto—Durbar papers. Lalla Bhag Singh, Vakeel of the Lahore Government—Durbar papers. Dewan Jowala Sahaie, Motmid of Maharajah Golab Singh, and Kazee Mohkum-ood-deen, Vakeel of Maharajah Golab Singh—on Cashmere affairs. Rale Kishun Chund, Vakeel of the Lahore Government—complimentary. Lajput Rale, servant of Maie Sudda Koor—to take leave. Sirdar Golab Singh and Fakeer Shums-ood-deen—complimentary.

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SUMMARY OF PUNJAB INTELLIGENCE.

21st November.

1. "*Perwanahs* are sent to all the *adaltees* calling for returns of the fees, etc., collected in their Courts."
2. "An order is addressed to Sirdar Lehna Singh, Majeethia, to cause a reward to be given to any man, who may seize a thief and restore the stolen property, to the amount of 10 rupees per cent. of the value of the same."
3. Twelve *chuprassies* are appointed, by my desire, to attend at the various customs stations of Misr Saheb Deaal.

22nd November.

1. "A *roobaharee* is received from me desiring the resumption of the *jageer* of Dewan Hakim Raie and that an allowance amounting to one-fourth of the value of the same be granted to him; stating also that Major Lawrence would make enquiries at Rawul Pindie regarding his son Kishun Koonwur's character, the result of which enquiry will determine his future fortune."
2. "Dewan Deena-Nath represents to the Durbar that it is the wish of Sirdar Uttur Singh, Kalawallah, to exchange his *jageer* at Meerwalee for one at Turun Tarun. Rajah Tej Singh suggested that this might prove an unpleasant step to Sirdar Lehna Singh."
3. "A *roobaharee* is received from me mentioning that I have received a letter from the Maharanee without any signature. In future all letters from Her Highness are to be transmitted to me through Sirdar Boor Singh at Sheikhoopoor."
4. "Fresh *perwanahs* are issued to all Kardars, etc., to pay in the revenue due for the last autumnal crop."
5. My chief news-writer informs me that Sirdar Lehna Singh, Majeethia, is very desirous of the title of Rajah.
6. "The Punjia Saheb Akhbar reports the prevalence of much sickness among the troops at that place."

23rd November.

1. "A petition is received from Sirdar Goolab Singh, Pohoovin-deeah, stating that four regiments and some guns and horse and foot under Sirdar Sultan Mohamed Khan will be ready to march, on the 6th of *Mughur*, to Bunnoo, where they will arrive in twelve marches."

2. The Lahore Vakeel mentions to the Durbar my wish that, prior to any expenses of a private character being incurred on account of the Maharajah, reference be made to me, both as regarding the wants being supplied and the price of the articles themselves.

3. He then, agreeably to my orders, calls for returns of the Chief Shikarees of the Durbar, their rates of pay, etc.

4. "A remount of 61 horses and some warm horse clothing are ordered to be sent to the Artillery at Punjha Sahib."

5. "A *roobakaree* is received from me desiring that full permission be granted to Mussalmans to cry to prayer."

6. The Sheikhoopoorah Akhbar mentions that the Maharanee had been making some charitable gifts, etc., and encloses a letter from Her Highness to my address.

7. "Miar Sahib Deeah is ordered to make a remission of one-third of the customs dues leviable on merchants from Khorassan."

8. "Bukshah Umreek Rale reports that he has distributed two months' allowance to the widows of soldiers who fell in the Sutlej campaign."

9. "In consequence of a fête being given to the European soldiers of the station by Colonel Lawrence, no Durbar is held as usual at the Residency."

10. "A *perwanah* is sent to Sirdar Lal Singh, Morareeah, prohibiting any fees being levied in his Court further than a percentage of five on the value of suits."

11. "Sirdar Lehna Singh is ordered to send all the gunpowder now in Umritsur to Lahore."

12. The Maharajah, Rajah Tej Singh, and various other Chiefs are conducted by Major Macgregor to the "Soldiers' Garden," where they witness the various amusements and a display of fireworks.

24th November.

1. The Lahore Vakeel mentions that I had pressed him for the accounts of Sheikh Imam-ood-deen and Teg Chund, Kardar; and that I had also advised the infliction of a fine of 100 rupees per diem on the farmers of the ferries until their instalments due for *Katich* (October) should be paid up.

2. "Some zemindars of a village held in *jageer* by Rajah Tej Singh complain against some of their brethren in another village in the Kardarce of Hakim Raie, by whom they had been assaulted and wounded. Hakim Raie denies that his men were the aggressors, and offers to produce some zemindars who had been wounded on his side, which he is desired to do."

3. "Sirdar Heera Singh is ordered to send a Motber to Lahore to account for the non-existence of some property which ought to be forthcoming from the Fort of Bhopalwallah."

4. "The accounts of Sirdar Lehna Singh, Majeethla, undergo a hearing."

5. "Some of the Chief Sirdars accompanied by Majors Macgregor and Lawrence attend a muster of the Lahore Sowars. In the midst of the business, and in the act of descending from his elephant, Dewan Deena Nath is assaulted by a man with a bludgeon, with which he inflicts two blows on the Dewan's arm and one on his face, under the eye. The man is instantly seized by the bystanders, who show a disposition to dispatch the individual with their *talwars*, but they are checked from this by the abovenamed officers."

6. Various enquiries after the Dewan's health are made by Rajah Tej Singh, the Durbar and me, in the course of the evening.

7. In the evening I go to the Palace accompanied by all my Assistants, Brigadier Campbell, and a party of ladies and visitors, for the purpose of witnessing an exhibition of "dissolving views," etc., in the Sheesh Muhul. The Maharajah is present, as also a large number of the usual frequenters of the Durbar. On the conclusion of the entertainment I pay a visit at the house of Dewan Deena Nath in company with Doctor Hathaway.

25th November.

1. "Sirdar Shere Singh produces a letter from his father, Sirdar Chuttur Singh, Attareewallah, in which he expresses his wish that the title of Rajah, instead of being bestowed on himself, should be granted to his son the petitioner; this produced a laugh from Rajah Tej Singh and others."

2. "Sirdar Kanh Singh, Man, reports that, agreeably to the orders of the Maharajah, he has imprisoned one of the attendant boys on His Highness."

3. "Orders are sent to all the *adaltees* to refer cases of murder and serious crimes, with their decisions for confirmation at Lahore."

4. The Treasurer reports that I have sanctioned the expenditure on charitable objects by the Maharajah of 100 rupees per diem.

5. "The Vakeel reads a *soobakarni* desiring the resumption of the *jageers* of the Dak Hurkaras and the substitution of a regular monthly pay of 5 rupees each man, also the establishment of some system for the despatch and delivery of letters."

6. "The Treasurer is ordered to bring up the *khilats* of inauguration to be conferred with the titles to-morrow, for my inspection."

7. "Rais Kishun Chund is told to confer with me regarding the granting of the title of Rajah to Sirdar Shere Singh, Attareewallah."

8. "Sirdar Lehna Singh expresses to Rajah Tej Singh a wish to visit Benares."

26th November.

1. I go to the Palace in the morning accompanied by Colonel Lawrence for the purpose of arranging for the accommodation of visitors at the grand Durbar to be held this afternoon.

2. Rajah Tej Singh and Dewan Deena Nath confer together as to the propriety of presenting *nuzzers* to the Maharajah and to Colonel Lawrence on the occasion of receiving the titles. The question being referred to me, I advise that no *nuzzers* be given.

3. "*Perwanahs* are sent to Dewan Umur Nath and all Kardars, etc., in the neighbourhood of Adeenanuggur to attend to the requisitions of Lieutenant Lake, who is now settling the revenue of those parts."

4. Major G. Lawrence and two of my Assistants proceed to the Palace early, in order to see to the arrangements for the accommodation of visitors at the Durbar being properly carried out. At 10 o'clock Colonel Lawrence, General Littler, and I attend the Durbar already filled by a number of ladies and English officers. The titles conferred are as follows :—

- "Kalan Bahadur" to Rajah Tej Singh.
- "Rajah" to Dewan Deena Nath.
- Do. to Sirdar Shere Singh, Attareewallah.
- "Bahadur" to Sirdar Golab Singh, Attareewallah.
- Do. to Sirdar Keher Singh, Sindhanwallah.
- Do. to Sirdar Goormukh Singh, Lumma.
- Do. to Sirdar Mungul Singh.
- Do. to Sirdar Golab Singh, Pohoovindeeah.
- Do. to Sirdar Jhunda Singh, Botala.
- "Mohsan-ood-dowlah" to Mir Saheb Diyal.
- "Ameen-ood-dowlah" to Mir Megh Raj.
- "Mumtaz-ood-dowlah" to Dewan Ajoodea Pershad.
- "Bahadur" to Sirdar Kanh Singh, Majeethia.
- "Motmid-ood-dowlah" to Dewan Moolraj of Mooltan.
- "Brahm-moorut Oottum-Saroop Kripa-Nidhan Sirimuni Punditan dan Adheekaree" to Pundit Mudsoodun.
- "Raie" to Lalla Bhagh Singh, Vakeel.
- Do. to Lalla Anunt Ram.

Khillats are bestowed on each of the above-named individuals, who in return present *nussers* to the Maharajah and to Colonel Lawrence. *Sunnuds* of their titles signed by the Maharajah and countersigned by Colonel Lawrence are also given to each.

5. "A *jageer* of 1,000 rupees is granted, at the request of Rajah Deena Nath, to Sirdar Boor Singh in compensation for one formerly held by him in Cashmere and recently resumed."

6. "After the breaking up of the Durbar a salute of 17 guns is fired in honor of the event."

7. "The following *jageers* are also granted:—One of 700 rupees to Bhaee Mukkun Singh, Grunthee of the Umritsur temple; 2,000 rupees to Sirdar Khooshal Singh, Attareewallah."

8. "A feeling of jealousy is reported to have been observed in the minds of some of the Sirdars, in consequence of the good fortune of their friends in obtaining titles."

27th November.

1. A *roobakaree* from me is read to the Durbar in which the good services of Sirdar Jhunda Singh, Botala, and Colonel Pertab Singh, Butheewalla, are referred to, and which desires that some reward in recognition of the same be granted them. *Perwanahs* are therefore sent informing them that the title of "Bahadur" will be conferred on them.

2. "A *roobakaree* is addressed to me in reply to one regarding the imprisonment of Prema and his accomplices, concerning which the approbation of the Durbar is now recorded."

3. "A letter of thanks for the services of Colonel Lawrence is addressed by the Maharajah to the Governor-General."

4. The Durbar allude to a request of mine to search for a slave girl of the Maharanee concerning whom Her Highness had written to me; and observe that as no description of the slave girl had been sent, it was impossible to institute a search for her.

5. "Rajahs Tej Singh, Deena Nath, and Shere Singh and Rale Kishen Chund sit in conclave discussing the state of Sirdar Lehna Singh's mind, which they conclude is troubled, inasmuch as the Sirdar had then gone alone to pay Colonel Lawrence a visit."

6. "A *jageer* having been granted to Rajah Deena Nath in the *ilakah* of Kallanoor, a *perwanah* is sent to the Kardar of that place advising him of the same."

7. "Buksee Bhuggut Ram presents *perwanahs* to the newly created Rajahs, as also to Rajah Tej Singh, when he also reports his having informed Colonel Lawrence of the adjustment of his accounts."

8. "Sheikh Imam-ood-deen, having made good to the Sirkar the sum of 1,20,000 rupees, asks for the restoration of his old bond; this is returned to him and a new one for 83,728 rupees is received from him."

which sum, as being due by people in the Jullunder Doab, the Sheikh pledges himself to make forthcoming shortly."

9. "Rajah Deena Nath exhibits the accounts of Sirdar Lehna Singh, Majeethia, which he pronounces correct, except that they do not comprise some money held by the Sirdar in deposit."

10. Owing to the rainy state of the weather, we do not attend the Durbar.

11. The following documents are enclosed:—

No. 1.—Mr. Bowring's Diary on deputation to Pind Dadun Khan from 13th to 19th instant.

Nos. 2 and 3.—Lieutenant Lumsden's diary on deputation to Yusufzye from 15th to 21st instant.

No. 4.—Lieutenant Taylor's Peshawur Diary from 14th to 20th instant.

No. 5.—Copy of Colonel Lawrence's reply to Lieutenant Taylor, No. 205, dated 27th instant.

Nos. 6 and 7.—Captain Abbott's Boundary Journal from 4th to 9th and 9th to 19th instant.

No. 8.—Lieutenant Edwardes' Diary, on deputation to Bunnoo Tank, from 13th to 17th instant.

No. 9.—Lieutenant Nicholson's Diary, on deputation to Rawul Pindée, from 15th to 20th instant.

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VISITS PAID AND RECEIVED.

22nd November.

Sirdar Uttar Singh, Kallawallah—regarding the proposed reduction. Khulleefa Noor-ood-deen—complimentary. Gunesh Dass, Moonshee of Sirdar Uttar Singh—with papers of the army. Sirdar Golab Singh and Phoola Singh, the young Maharajah's orderly—complimentary. Pundit Shunkur Nath—revenue accounts. Khooshee Ram, Vakeel of Sirdar Lehna Singh, Majeethia—with law papers. Suddanund, news-writer—Akhbars. Goosoon, Wuzeer of the Rajah of Mundee—complimentary. Lalla Bagh Singh, Vakeel of the Lahore Government—Durbar papers. Mier Sabeb Deel—customs. Dewan Jawalla Sahaie, Motmid of Maharajah Golab Singh, and Kazee Mohkum-ood-deen, Vakeel—Cashmere

affairs. Dewan Deena Nath—revenue matters. Mool Singh—army matters. Bawa Luchmun Singh, Motmid of Sirdar Lehna Singh, Majeethia—complimentary. Mool Singh—army matters.

23rd November.

Jowahir Mul, servant of Sirdar Shere Singh, and Ruttun Chund, Doogal—complimentary. Suddanund, news-writer—Akhbars. Pundit Shunkur Nath—revenue affairs. Lalla Bagh Singh, Vakeel of the Lahore Government—Durbar papers. Dewan Jowala Sahaie, Motmid of Maharajah Golab Singh—Cashmere affairs.

24th November.

Choonee Lall, Jemadar of Dak Hurkaras of the Lahore Government, is in attendance.

Misr Megh Raj and Goburdhun Dass, Moonshee of Toshakhana—Treasury accounts. Auriff Khan, servant of the Nawab of Mooltan; Sirdar Shere Singh and Jowahir Mul, his servant—complimentary. Pundit Shunkur Nath—revenue affairs. Raie Kishen Chund, Vakeel of the Lahore Government—Durbar papers. Meer Shere Mahomed Khan, Hydrabadee, and Meer Mahomed Khan—complimentary. Lalla Deep Chund, Vakeel of Pundit Shunkur Nath—revenue papers. Pundit Radha Kishen; Sirdar Golab Singh; Fakeer Shums-ood-deen and Mirza Umeer Beg, servant of Sirdar Urjun Singh, Runghurnungleea—complimentary.

25th November.

Fakeer Shums-ood-deen—complimentary. Suddanund, news-writer—Akhbars. Sirdar Urjoon Singh, son of Sirdar Hurree Singh, Nulwah—complimentary. Pundit Shunkur Nath—settlement papers. Bagh Singh, Lahore Vakeel—Durbar papers. Deep Chund, Vakeel of Pundit Shunkur Nath—revenue accounts. Raie Kishen Chund, Lahore Vakeel—regarding his *jageer*. Misr Saheb Deel—customs. Misr Megh Raj and Goburdhun Dass, Moonshee of Toshakhana—Treasury accounts.

26th November.

Raie Kishen Chund, Lahore Vakeel, and Lalla Bagh Singh—Durbar affairs. Dewan Kurram Nurrain, brother of Dewan Moolraj, the Nazim of Mooltan—complimentary visit. Suddanund, news-writer—Akhbars.

Pundit Shunkur Nath and Deep Chund, his Vakeel—revenue papers. Bukshee Umreek Raie, Paymaster of the Lahore regular force—army returns. Khulleefa Noor-ood-deen; Sirdar Golab Singh and Fakeer Shums-ood-deen—complimentary. Kazee Mohkum-ood-deen, Vakeel of Maharajah Golab Singh, and Abdoolah Khan, servant of the said Maharajah—on Cashmere affairs. Sirdar Lehna Singh, Majeethia—on his private affairs.

27th November.

Dewan Jowalla Sahaie, Motmid of Maharajah Golab Singh, and Kazee Mohkum-ood-deen—Cashmere affairs. Suddanund, news-writer—Akhbars. Bawa Luchmun Singh, Motmid of Sirdar Lehna Singh, Majeethia, and Khooshee Ram, Vakeel—on private matters of the Sirdars. Raie Bagh Singh, Lahore Vakeel—Durbar papers. Pundit Shunkur Nath; Lal Singh, son of Gunda Singh, Nabhawalla; Meer Khan Mahommed Khan, Hydrabadee, and Gunda Singh, servant of the Rajah of Nabha—complimentary. Goormookh Raie, servant of Mistr Saheb Decal—Customs Department. Raie Mool Singh—confidential message from Rajah Tej Singh. Khulleefa Noor-oo-deen and Sirdar Golab Singh—complimentary. Mistr Saheb Decal—customs. Fakeer Shums-ood-deen—complimentary.

28th November.

Rajah Shere Singh—complimentary. Jai Ram Das, Moonshee of Toshakhana—Treasury accounts. Bukshee Umreek Raie, Paymaster of the Lahore regular force—army returns. Mool Singh—message from Rajah Tej Singh. Kazee Mohkum-ood-deen, Vakeel of Maharajah Golab Singh—Cashmere affairs.

(Sd.) J. LAWRENCE,

Agent and Resident.

Political Diary of the Agent, Governor-General, North-West Frontier, and Resident at Lahore, from the 28th November to the 4th December 1847 inclusive.

SUMMARY OF PUNJAB INTELLIGENCE.

28th November.

1. Shunkur Nath, Dufsturee, requests the Durbar, at my desire, to send me a summary statement of the accounts of Bukshee Bhuggut Ram and Dewans Dowlut Raie and Moolraj of Pind Dadun Khan.

2. "A *perwanah* is sent to Bhaee Dul Singh, Kardar of Rawul Pindée, commending him for having prevented a woman, the wife of a Khuttree, from becoming a *sultee*."

3. "A *roobakaree* is received from me intimating that it will be advisable to resume a portion of the *jageer* of Sirdar Lehna Singh, Majeethia, on the occasion of his departure for Hindoostan, making, however, a settlement in his favour of a *jageer* of 6,000 rupees in perpetuity, with a further provision of 1,200 rupees during his lifetime." The new arrangement is calculated to effect a saving of 60,000 rupees to the State.

4. "A second *roobakaree* is received disapproving of an order on the Treasurer having been issued without my sanction and desiring that the said order be recalled pending a reference."

5. "Kazee Mohkum-ood-deen, Vakeel of Maharajah Golab Singh, petitions for a *jageer* in lieu of a money payment. He is told that a reference shall be made to me."

6. "Agreeably to a *roobakaree* of mine, a *jageer* of 2,000 rupees is granted to Sirdar Khoshal Singh, Atareewallah, and one of 1,000 rupees to Esree Singh, Atareewallah."

7. The Durhar Vakeel, according to directions received from me, desires that an investigation be ordered regarding the man who assaulted Rajah Deena Nath, and that, if he prove mad, he be put into the hands of Dr. Martin. The reply is to the effect that he has been already made over to the Lahore *adaluttee*.

29th November.

1. "The Kotwal reports the murder of a *gooroo* by his disciple (*chela*)."

2. "Misr Sahib Decal applies for a contract for the Umritsur Mint, and is told that the system of contracts in connection with the mints is disapproved of."

3. "Moonshee Ruttun Chund, Reeshduraz, is ordered to go out to meet Dewan Moolraj of Mooltan."

4. "Bawa Luchmun Singh is reproved for having counselled Sirdar Lehna Singh, Majeethia, to pay a visit to Hindoostan."

5. "On the reading of Sirdars Lehna Singh and Runjore Singh Majeethia's accounts of the *ilaka* of Mundee a balance of 12,400 rupees is found to be still outstanding against their names."

6. "Misr Saheb Decal is ordered to convert all the old coins in the Pind Dadun Khan Treasury into Nanukshahee rupees, and to make a report of the amount when finished."

7. Colonel Lawrence attends the Durbar in company with General Littler, Brigadier Campbell, my Assistants and self. The former expresses to Dewan Jowala Sahaic his hope that relations of amity will continue to subsist between Maharajah Golab Singh and the Lahore Government, for the former of whom he gives a *morasila* and to the Dewan an English letter. He also presents a *morasila* relating to the co-operation of the British and Lahore Governments in governing the Punjab and another to Rajah Shere Singh. A *khillat* of 25 pieces, 5 varieties of jewellery and a horse are presented to Colonel Lawrence, and another of 15 pieces to Molvee Rujjub Allee, the Agency Meer Moonshee. A letter addressed to the Governor-General, thanking His Lordship for the services of Colonel Lawrence, is then produced. Shortly before taking leave, Colonel Lawrence addresses himself to Sheikh Imam-ood-deen, and after telling him that all his past faults had been forgiven, exhorts him to remain a well-wisher of the Sirkar. Rajah Tej Singh accompanies us in our carriage up to Anarkullee after the Durbar.

30th November.

1. "The Vakeel informs the Durbar that Colonel Lawrence left Lahore this morning at 4 o'clock."

2. "Returns of the officers and Artillerymen in General Golab Singh Pohoovindeeah's company are presented to the Durbar, a copy of which is ordered to be sent for my inspection."

3. "A *roobakarae* being received from me stating that the character of Dewan Misr Rulla Ram had been very highly spoken of both by Lieutenant Edwardes and Mr. Bowring, a *perwanah* commending the Dewan is sent to him, as also a public notice of the same to all the neighbouring Kardars."

"A second *roobakaree* of mine is read expressing my satisfaction at hearing that Bhace Nidhan Singh had built a bridge in his *jageer* at Pindee Dass ke Kote."

4. "Information having been received that Saen Dass, Kardar of Phalleah, has been collecting revenue from his zemindars without granting them a receipt for the amounts, a *perwanah* is issued ordering him to give in future a receipt for all sums collected."

5. "A *roobakaree* is received from me, concerning the Daks of Moonshce Ruttun Chund, Reesbdoraz, and his having entertained Hurkâras at the rate of 3 rupees a month when he himself receives 3 rupees per man from the Treasury, and desiring that this point be enquired into, as also that an arrangement for levying an anna on every letter weighing a tola be made."

6. "From the Umritsur Akhbar it appears that variations have been discovered in the weight of some recently coined "*paisas*" at that place, and that, in consequence, inconvenience had been experienced by the merchants."

7. "A summons is issued to Raj Roop, formerly Kardar of Ghebee, to appear at Lahore with his accounts."

8. Mr. Melvill visits the Maharajah, for the purpose of hearing him read, etc., for a short time, and afterwards conducts the Chiefs to Durbar at the Residency at Anarkallee. The Vakeel presents me with the returns of the horses, camels and men in General Golab Singh's company of artillery. Rajah Tej Singh alludes to General Bishen Singh's regiment at Pind Dadun Khan, to whom Lieutenant Edwardes had caused some arrears of pay to be distributed on passing through that place, and requests my sanction for the manufacture of some muskets for them, which I readily accord. Rajah Deena Nath produces a large number of miscellaneous *perwanahs* for my signature, among them one for 30,000 rupees for the payment of the cavalry at Bunnoo. I express my disapprobation at the fact communicated to me by Lieutenant Nicholson that several old soldiers had been discharged and fresh recruits enlisted in their stead. Rajah Tej Singh promises that this shall be remedied.

1st December.

1. The Vakeel reads a *perwannah* from me requesting that an order on the Treasury for the purchase of an elephant, which had not been brought for my countersignature, be either returned to the Toshakhana or if the elephant had been bought that it be given back to the seller and the money restored.

2. "A *roobakaree* is received from me desiring information about the *jageers* of Maharajah Shere Singh, the amount formerly resumed, and what now remains in the hands of his descendants."

3. "The Kardar of Goojranwalla, in transmitting an instalment of the revenue to the Sirkar, states his opinion that the next collection will be easy, in consequence of the satisfaction of the zemindars at the light assessment recently made."

4. "Sirdars Jowala and Sirdool Singh, Man, are reported to be still at enmity with each other."

5. "Ram Kishun and Heeranund, farmers of the ferries, complain of the prohibition against the ferry duties being levied on persons fording the river, it having now become passable to foot passengers."

6. "An offer is made to Mir Sahab Deaal of the contract of the Unrisur Mint for 4,500 rupees."

7. Dewan Kedar Nath is sent to me with the accounts of Teg Chund, Kardar.

8. "The arrival of Dewan Moolraj of Mooltan in Lahore is announced."

9. "Sirdar Lehna Singh, Majesthia, is ordered to make over a *jageer* of 10,000 rupees at Turun Tarun to Sirdar Uttur Singh, Kalawalla."

10. "Dewan Jowala Sahale, Motmid of Maharajah Golab Singh, is desired to attend the regular Durbars."

11. "The Kiladar of Govindgurb is ordered to make over a guard of soldiers to Mir Sahab Deaal, for the purposes of the Unrisur Mint."

12. "The Treasurer informs Rajah Tej Singh that 100 rupees per diem will prove an insufficient allowance for the expenses of the Maharajah's charity, etc."

2nd December.

1. "Sirdar Uttur Singh, Kalawalla, reports that a commencement was made this morning of mustering the Moonshes and Dufurees in Lahore."

2. "Dewan Moolraj, Nazim of Mooltan, presents himself at the Durbar, and offers a *sarwarra* of 525 rupees to the Maharajah. His Highness enquires after his health and informs him that if he had arrived but one day earlier, he might have seen Colonel Lawrence. The Dewan afterwards presents a *sarwarra* of 250 rupees, etc., to Rajah Tej Singh."

3. The Vakeel applies, agreeably to my orders, for information regarding the *jageers* held by Shah Wulce Khan, Sultan Khan, and Haiyat Khan and some other of the Khukkur Chiefs, and the amount of such *jageers* which have remained in their possession up to the present time. Rajah Deena Nath is to furnish this intelligence.

4. The Vakeel enquires of the Durbar, by my desire, as to whether proclamations had been issued sanctioning the cry to prayers of the Moosulmans, and requests that if they have not they be immediately put in circulation.

5. "A message is delivered from me desiring that four months' pay be given out to the sowars stationed at Peshawur, who are said to be ten months in arrears, and also that a regular rule be established regarding the payment of the troops."

6. "A *roobakaree* of mine is received requesting that as the expenditure on public works superintended by Major Napier will be great, all the income from the ferries and customs dues up to the present time be deposited in the Residency Treasury for the purpose of covering such expenditure."

7. "Another *roobakaree* is received from me to the effect that it would be advisable to debar Sirdars Jowala and Sirdool Singh, Man, from the Durbar in consequence of the disregard paid by them to the orders issued regarding their ancestral property."

8. "The ferry farmers having complained against the ferry rules, their contracts are resumed and a fine imposed on them, and instructions are given to Sirdar Golab Singh, Pohoovindeah, to superintend the ferries

on the Indus, excepting those in Mooltan; to Misr Rulla Ram, those on the Jhelum and Chenab, and to Misr Sahieb Deel, those on the Ravee."

9. My chief news-writer reports that Sirdar Lehna Singh, Majee-thia's mother has come to Lahore for the purpose of dissuading him from going to Hindoostan.

10. The Durbar consult together regarding the permission to Moosulmans to call to prayers being granted, and say that if such is the case the religion of the Khalsa will be "thrown to the winds"; one more attempt is to be made to make me yield.

11. The Vakeel delivers to the Maharajah an invitation from me to attend the races, and the promise of a pair of shawls, to be run for by His Highness' sowers.

3rd December.

1. "The Durbar discuss among themselves the question of the crying to prayer by the Moosulmans and the royal expenditure: with regard to the former they say that the religion of the Hindoos will be held in contempt and that people will deride them for giving permission to make the call, which has been prohibited for the last 80 years: respecting the daily expenditure by the Maharajah of 100 rupees, to which amount I had wished to restrict His Highness, they agree that it will be a difficult matter to include alms, etc., in so small a sum, referring at the same time to the 12 lakhs spent by Runjeet Singh in the year for charitable purposes."

2. Rajahs Tej Singh, Shere Singh and Deena Nath, with Raie Kishen Chund, visit me this morning; we have a long conversation on various subjects. I read them a letter from Colonel Lawrence to me in which he promises to write to the Durbar from Meerut. I then refer to a *dastoor-ooh-umool* which it is intended to prepare but of which the rough draft has at present been only written. This is intended to regulate the hours for the Durbar, to attend which the *adulutees* are not to absent themselves from their office; the order of proceedings at the Durbar; the daily attendance at Durbar of the Maharajah; the attendance of one of my Assistants each day for the purpose of teaching His Highness to read, write, etc., etc.; the outward conversation of the immediate attendants and companions of the Maharajah should be

encouraged in all good words (*sic*) ; the daily exercise and recreation of His Highness with the proper escort to accompany him. I also state my intention to suggest a division of work among the Councillors, of whom each will be responsible for a particular department. The Sirdars then present me with a report made by Sirdar Ram Singh, Jhellawlia, *adalutce*, of a disturbance in his neighbourhood caused by the cry of the Moosulmans, indirectly begging me to think again on the subject. I desire that nothing more be said, and that each man be allowed to practise his own religion. They then express their hope that I will relieve them of the odium of promulgating the order, which however I do not promise. Rajah Deena Nath presents to me a return of the *jageers* of Maharajah Shere Singh.

3. "*Perwanahs* are issued to all Kardars of Jageerdars forbidding them to fell or mutilate any tree on their lands which has been made over to the Magazine Darogah."

4th December.

1. Agreeably to instructions conveyed in a *roobakaree* of mine, a *perwanah* is issued to General Cortlandt ordering him to imprison for 7 years with Irons Ameer Chund, Kardar of Gurank, who has been convicted of rape.

2. Messrs. Melvill and Pollock accompany the Maharajah and the Sirdars to the Race-course, where they mix with the European ladies and officers and witness some racing. I take the opportunity of doing a little business with Rajah Deena Nath.

3. I attend the afternoon Durbar accompanied by three of my Assistants. I allude to a letter of Lieutenant Lake's concerning the settlements made by that officer in the neighbourhood of Adeenanuggur and ask the advice of the Chiefs on one or two points connected with the revenue. The Kardar of Mithunkote, having levied customs dues at the *ghats* of that place, and it having been stipulated in the Treaty of the 9th March 1846, I believe, that all customs of the Sutledge and Beas rivers as far as the boundary of Beloochistan shall be under the government of the British, I desire that a reference be made to the Treaty in order to confirm my opinion. Rajah Deena Nath informs me that Major Wade sent some time ago *pushmeena*, salt, etc., belonging to

the Sirkar to Bombay and that he has not yet made over their value. I desire a list of the goods and promise a reference to the Governor-General. Rajah Tej Singh informs me that a number of fruit merchants have arrived in Lahore and that formerly 12,000 rupees were set aside for the purchase of fruit. I therefore desire that not more than 4,000 rupees be expended. The Rajah then requests me to issue a stringent order to the musket manufacturers to make the muskets that have been ordered of them without delay.

4. "A *perwannah* forbidding their attendance at Durbar is issued to Sirdars Jowalla and Sardool Singh, Man.

5. "Miser Sahab Decal expresses his unwillingness to take the farming of that portion of the ferries which was entrusted to him a few days ago owing to the recusancy of the former farmers."

6. "The man who murdered his *gooroo* the other day has been captured, having been traced to a house of ill-fame; both he and the harlot are made over to the *adildars* for trial."

7. The following documents are enclosed:—

No. 1.—Mr. Bowring's Diary on deputation to Pind Dadun Khan from 20th to 24th ultimo.

No. 2.—Lieutenant Edwardes' Diary on deputation to Bunnoo Tank from 18th to 23rd ultimo.

No. 3.—Lieutenant Lumsden's Peshawur Diary from 21st to 27th ultimo.

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VISITS PAID AND RECEIVED.

29th November.

Dewan Jowalla Sahale, Motmid of Maharajah Golab Singh; Kazee Mohkum-ood-deen, Vakeel of ditto—Cashmere affairs. Khulicefa Noor-ood-deen and Mool Singh—complimentary. Bakshee Umreek Raio, Bakshee of the Lahore Force—military returns. Jairam Dass, Toshakhana Moonshee—Treasury returns. Dost Muhammad, Nukshah Nuvees—army returns. Pundit Shunkur Nath—revenue returns. Pundit Kedar Nath, brother of Rajah Deena Nath—ditto. Sirdar Uttar Singh—to consult in certain reductions in the Irregular Force. Sirdar Mut Singh, son of Umur Singh, Majeethia—complimentary. Gunesh Dass, Moonshee of

Sirdar Uttur Singh—with army returns. Suddanund, news-writer—Akhbars. Bhaee Mukhun Singh, Grunthee—Durbar returns. Bhaee Golab Singh, Grunthee Poojarce—complimentary. Bhaee Bhag Singh, ditto—Durbar papers. Bhaee Ram Singh, ditto—complimentary. Ruttun Chund, Doogul—regarding the finances. Raie Bhag Singh, Lahore Vakeel—Durbar returns. Raie Kishen Chund, ditto—complimentary. Sirdar Boor Singh of Sheikhoopora; Rajah Deena Nath; Pundit Radha Kishen, Durbar servant; Sirdar Golab Singh and Fakeer Shums-ood-deen—complimentary.

30th November.

Jairam Dass, Toshakhana Moonshee—Treasury accounts. Suddanund, news-writer—Akhbars. Raie Bhag Singh, Lahore Vakeel—Durbar papers. Ruttun Chund, Doogul—private commission. Dewan Jowala Sahale, Motmid of Maharajah Golab Singh, and Kazee Mohkum-ood-deen, Vakeel—Cashmere affairs. Futteh Singh, Nihung, and Faiz Buksh, Commandants of the Bhagoowalla Artillery—complimentary. Lalla Khooshee Ram, Vakeel of Sirdar Lehna Singh—with official papers. Jaesookh Raie, Moonshee of Fakeer Noor-ood-deen—with returns of buildings. Colonel Ajoodhea Pershand; Mir Sahab Deaal—customs returns.

Public Durbar—Rajahs Tej Singh, Shere Singh and Deena Nath; Sirdar Lehna Singh, Majeethia; Sirdar Uttur Singh, Kalawalla; Bhaee Mohan Singh; Sheikh Imam-ood-deen; Kurrun Narayun, son of Dewan Sawun Mull, Nazim of Mooltan; Fakeer Noor-ood-deen; Fakeer Zahoor-ood-deen; Fakeer Shums-ood-deen; Raie Bhag Singh, Lahore Vakeel; Dewan Haisakha Singh; Mir Sahab Deaal; Mool Singh; Ram Chund, Mohurwalla; General Muhtab Singh; Bhaee Hargopal Singh; Choomee Lall, Jamadar of Hurkaras, and Lalla Khooshee Ram, Vakeel of Sirdar Lehna Singh.

1st December.

Lalla Asanund, Vakeel of Mooltan—complimentary. Jairam Dass, Toshakhana Moonshee—Treasury accounts. Suddanund, news-writer—Akhbars. Fakeer Shums-ood-deen—complimentary. Kedar Nath, brother of Rajah Deena Nath—revenue papers. Raie Bhag Singh, Lahore Vakeel—Durbar papers. Shih Deaal, Gunga Ram, Gunesb Dass, Sahab Dass and Jugur Nath, Moonshees of Modeekhanah—with returns of expenses

for stable expenditure. Mulik Khair-ood-deen, Lahore Government servant—regarding his *jaggers*. Dewan Moolraj, Nazim of Mooltan; Lalla Asanund, Vakeel, and Devedditta, Moonshee—complimentary. Sunt Singh, Vakeel of Bedee Bikrama Singh—with message of his master. Khuzan Singh, his servant, ditto; Lal Singh—complimentary.

2nd December.

Jairam Dass, Toshakhana Moonshee—Treasury accounts. Ottum Chund, Mool Chund, Futteh Chund, Radha Kishun, Narayun Singh, Lalla Mohun Lal, Lalla Urjun Dass, Jotee Ram, Mohur Singh, Moujram and Daya Nath, Moonshees of Sowars—returns of Irregular Troops. Dewan Bishumbhur Dass; Godur Mul, Moonshee; Lalla Tilok Chund, Sahib Singh, Wasdeo and Sheo Sahaie, Moonshees of the Lahore force—with ditto ditto. Devec Sahaie, Ramditta, Pundit Lalkoo, Bahadoor Singh, Gokul Chund, Roop Chund Hakeem, Suhejram Duffuree, and Ram Dass Surraf, Moonshees of the Derah of Pindceewallah—with ditto ditto. Gunesli Dass, Moonshee of the Derah of Sirdar Shumabere Singh—ditto. Sookhram Dass, Gormookh Raie, and Jowala Sahaie, Moonshees of the Orderly Sowars—ditto. Debee Pershaud, Hurree Ram, and Hur Pershaud, Moonshees of the Derah of Moolrajian—ditto. Jai Gopal, Kaka Ram, Ram Dass and Benec Pershaud, Moonshees of the Derah of Ramgurlian; Sheo Sahaie, Moonshee of the Derah of Maharajah Shere Singh; Daya Singh, ditto of the Derah of Sirdar Shumshere Singh, and Lahoree Mull, writer of the *pelee* of the force (*sic*), and Gopal Dass, ditto of Mir Megh Raj, Moonshees of Troops; Ram Singh, Moonshee of the Derah of Rajah Shere Singh, Atareewallah—with message.

3rd December.

Ditto ditto ditto ditto ditto.

4th December.

Sirdar Uttur Singh, Kalawalla, with companions—with returns of regular troops. Jairam Dass, Toshakhana Moonshee—Treasury accounts. Lala Asanund, Vakeel of Mooltan—with message from his master. Pundit Shunkur Nath, with companions—with revenue papers. Suddanund, news-writer—Akhhars. Goosaoon, Wuzeer of Mundee Rajah—with accounts. Dewan Moolraj, Nazim of Mooltan, with companions—complimentary. Raie Bhag Singh, Lahore Vakeel—with Durbar papers. Sirdar Golab Singh and Fakeer Shums-ood-deen—complimentary.

(Sd.) J. LAWRENCE,

Officiating Resident.

**Political Diary of the Officiating Agent, Governor-General,
North-West Frontier, and Resident at Lahore, from the
5th to the 12th December 1847 inclusive.**

SUMMARY OF PUNJAB INTELLIGENCE,

5th December.

1. "The Maharajah, accompanied by Rajah Tej Singh and a number of Sirdars, makes a small sporting excursion. A report is made to His Highness that I had visited the Palace with Major Napier in the morning."

2. "News is received of the death of Fakeer Imam-ood-deen, the brother of Fakeer Noor-ood-deen."

3. "Dewan Misr Rulla Ram is called on for returns of the old coin already deposited in his mint and of the amount of fresh Nanuk shahees coined up to the present time."

4. Lieutenant Pollock conducts Rajah Tej Singh from his own house to the Residency at Anarkullee for the purpose of an interview with me. The object of my summoning the Rajah was to confer with him regarding the accounts of Misr Ameer Chund, Dewans Moolraj and Rajroop, Hunraj, Bukshee Bhuggut Ram, and other defaulters to the State. On returning to the Durbar, therefore, the Rajah summons the above-named persons, with the exception of Bukshee Bhuggut Ram. Rajah Deena Nath is referred to regarding Misr Ameer Chund's accounts, and after inspecting the same pronounces a balance of 17,500* rupees to be still outstanding against him. A bond is taken from the Misr to pay the above-named sum by the 6th December. Moolraj, Hunraj, and Rajroop are placed under arrest, with orders to appear at the Durbar to-morrow, when a full investigation into their affairs is to be instituted.

5. "Notices are issued to the Vakeels of all Kardars to the effect that all cases of remissness in paying up their instalments will be visited by imprisonment in the fort at Govindgurh."

6. "The Treasurer is ordered to pay to the Maharanee the sum of 8,000 rupees, due to Her Highness for allowance for the months of September and October."

* He owes in reality about 1½ lakhs.

6th December.

1. "The accounts of Dewan Moolraj of the Pind Dadun Khan Salt Mines are inspected. A balance of 2,84,000 rupees is found to be outstanding against him, exclusively of those at Khooshab and Kalabagh; this remaining portion is to be audited to-morrow."

2. "Mr. Melvill pays a short visit to the Maharajah in the afternoon."

3. A message is delivered by the Vakeel to the Maharajah from me inviting His Highness to attend the races to-morrow morning.

4. "A *morasila* from me to Rajah Tej Singh is received to the effect that the Artilleryman Brown (who first deserted from the Company's service and then fought against us during the campaign) having been pardoned by the British authorities, it was my wish that he be re-enlisted in the service of the Khalsajee and appointed to the Artillery corps in Huzara, on a salary of 100 rupees per mensem. Orders are instantly given as desired."

5. "Miar Sahib Deel reports the arrival of 25,000 rupees from the *shah* of Jhung, of which sum 10,000 rupees arise from the customs duties."

6. "A guard of fifty soldiers is ordered to be in attendance on Major Napier, who is about to inspect the Ferozepore road."

7th December.

1. "A *perwanah* is sent to Ruttun Chund, Reesliduraz, agreeably to an order given by me directing a proclamation to be issued that a fixed postage of one anna on each tola weight be charged for all letters in the Punjab."

2. "An order is issued that no one shall interfere with the Moosulmans, when crying out to prayers, so long as the British Force remains at Lahore."

3. The Maharajah and Chiefs are conducted to the Race-course by Lieutenant Pollock for the purpose of attending the races.

4. "A *perwanah* is despatched to General Cortlandt directing him to recover arrears from Jeymul Singh, Kardar, and to punish severely any Kardar who disobeys his orders in future."

5. "Misr Megh Raj is directed to send 20,000 rupees to the Residency Treasury for building expenses."

6. "Sheikh Imam-ood-deen is ordered to give a bond for 1,00,000 rupees due by him on account of Cashmere."

7. "A *perwanah* is issued to Sirdar Mungul Singh to abolish the eight *thannahs* he has established without the sanction of the Durbar."

8. The Chiefs attend the Durbar at the Residency. I enquire for a list of the contents of the Toshakhana, which I desired Misr Megh Raj to prepare for me, and I am told that I shall shortly receive it. I tell the Chiefs that the *adaluts* conduct their proceedings in a very careless manner, upon which Rajah Deena Nath replies that they will do better when the code of laws, now under preparation, shall have been completed, a copy of which shall be sent to each of them. The Durbar express their satisfaction at the manner in which the revenue settlements are being made by Messrs. Cocks, Lake and Bowring.

8th December.

1. A *roobakaree* is read in Durbar respecting Dewan Moolraj of Mooltan having transgressed an order issued by me that no duty should be levied on boats in his province. He is unable to say anything in defence of his having done so.

2. "An *urree* is received from Sirdar Goormookh Singh representing that Her Highness the Ranee says that she has sustained a heavy loss in conveying her property from Lahore, many things having been lost and injured on the road, and that she has now sent two of her slave girls to Lahore to bring away her remaining effects."

3. "The Durbar is informed by Raic Kishen Chund that his resignation of the office of Durbar Vakeel to the Resident has been accepted by Colonel Lawrence, and that the appointment has been conferred on his son Bagh Singh, who is well qualified in every respect to perform its duties."

4. "Dewan Moolraj, Nazim of Pind Dadun Khan, is placed under arrest on account of the balance of 4,13,000 rupees due by him to Government."

5. "A *perwanah* is sent to Sirdar Ram Singh, Chappa, to the effect that it has been brought to the notice of Government that he has taken supplies from the Kardars without paying for the same, thereby setting a bad example to those under his command. He is told also that Captain Edwards has been desired to investigate the matter."

6. "A *perwanah* is addressed to Sirdar Uttur Singh directing him to instruct his men in the English drill."

7. "Rajah Kalan Tej Singh, on hearing that part of the Residency had taken fire, sends 30 *bheeshtees* to render assistance to extinguish the flames; the fire is soon put out by the zeal of the European Artillerymen and others."

9th December.

1. Rajah Shere Singh, Attareewallah, accompanies me and some officers on a shooting excursion beyond the Ravee, whence we intend returning on the morrow.

2. "Rajah Tej Singh relates to the Durbar that the Maharajah had ordered that an account of the money daily expended by him in charity, etc., should be presented every evening for approval and sanction. The Rajah and Durbar pass encomiums on the precocity of His Highness' intellect, which they ascribe to the visits of my Assistants."

10th December.

1. "In pursuance of a *roobakaree* written by Major Macgregor, *perwanahs* are issued to all the *adahuntees* of Lahore directing them to take measures to prevent any disturbances taking place at the celebration of the Mohurram festival, and to place sentries in each street to prevent the Soonees and Shiabs from quarrelling."

2. "According to a *roobakaree* of mine, a *perwanah* is addressed to Sirdar Kanb Singh, Man, directing him to hang Khoda Buksh, carpenter, to-morrow morning, convicted of having wilfully murdered Bhugun, a native woman: the execution to take place near the Delhi gate; the usual precautions to be observed."

3. "Major Macgregor and Lieutenant Pollock attend the Durbar; some cases are decided in their presence."

4. "The Motsuddee of Ruttun Chund, Reeshduraz, reports that, in melting down old money for the new coinage in the Peshawur Mint, a loss of 1 rupee per cent. has been sustained on the coinage of Sumbut 1888 and of rupees 1-8 per thousand on that of 1894."

5. "A sum of 200 rupees is granted for the city conservancy department."

6. "Sirdar Golab Singh, Attareewallah, is ordered to present the Maharajah with an account of the sums spent in charity by His Highness on the evening of each day, when it will be signed by him."

7. "The Pind Dadun Khan Akhbar reports a robbery committed on one Roop Chund, a Moonshee, and the murder of one of two sowars who were sent to recover his property, the restoration of which was effected through the valor of the remaining sowar."

11th December.

1. "The Akhbar from General Cortlandt's camp states that some of the Bunnoo Maliks had come in to that officer, and presented *nuzours*; that he had set their minds at ease by fair words; that he had thrown the responsibility of the safety of the roads between Murwut and Lukkee on the shoulders of the Maliks of those places; and that he had taken returns of the sowars, giving instructions for their being duly supplied with ammunition, etc."

2. "The accounts of Sirdar Lehna Singh, Majeethia, present, on inspection, a balance of Nanukshahee rupees 60,000 and of Hurree Singhee rupees 20,600 outstanding against him."

3. The usual Durbar of this afternoon, at which we ordinarily attend, is postponed in consequence of the rainy state of the weather.

4. The following documents are enclosed :—

No. 1.—Mr. Cock's Journal from 15th to 20th ultimo.

" 2.—Lieutenant Edwardes' Diary from 23rd to 26th ultimo.

" 3.—Lieutenant Nicholson's ditto from 21st to 27th ultimo.

" 4.—Mr. Bowring's ditto from 25th to 29th ultimo.

" 5.—Lieutenant Edwardes' ditto from 27th November to 1st instant.

" 6.—Captain Abbott's Journal from 20th November to 4th instant.

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VISITS PAID AND RECEIVED.

5th December.

Jairam Das, Moonshee of Toshakhana—Treasury accounts. Rajah Tej Singh together with his men—private conference.

6th December.

Sirdar Uttur Singh, Kalawallah, together with his men—with returns of irregular horse. Rajah Shere Singh—complimentary. Lalla Khooshee Ram, Vakeel of Sirdar Lehna Singh, Majeethia—with criminal returns. Lalla Asanund, Vakeel of the Nazim of Mooltan—complimentary. Jairam Dass, Moonshee of Toshakhana—Treasury accounts. Jullal Khan, Bhutte, servant of the Lahore Government—complimentary. Saddaunund, news-writer—Akhbars. Raie Bhag Singh, Vakeel of the Lahore Government—with Punch. Lall Shah, son of Gool Badshah, Peshawaree; Futteh Deen Khan, Mundotewallah; Neehal Singh, Chachee, and Hyder Ullly Khan, Motmid of Sirdar Neehal Singh, Alloowallah—complimentary. Beerbur Misr Sahib Decal—customs returns.

7th December.

Rajahs Tej Singh, Deena Nath, and Shere Singh, Bahadoors; Sirdar Uttur Singh Bahadoor, Kalawallah; Bhace Nidhan Singh; Hurgopal, son of Bhace Gobind Ram; Bawa Muhean Singh; Fakeer Zahoor-ood-deen; Pundits Ram Nurrain, Naib Kotwal, and Radha Kishen; Bawa Fakeer Bukhs; Radha Kishen, son of Dewan Sawun Mul of Mooltan; Misr Megh Raj, Toshakhanceah; Beerbur Misr Sahib Decal; Lalla Ruttun Chund with the long beard—public Durbar.

Ram Chund, Khoord Mohurwallah; Sirdar Portab Singh, Sindhanwallah; Bhace Mukham Singh; Moonshee Budree Nath, Sarishtadar of Mungul Singh; Sohmamull, Moonshee, and Meean Ruttun Singh, Mundeewallah—complimentary. Raie Mool Singh, Motmid of Rajah Tej Singh, Bahadoor—regarding the army. Nidhan Singh, son of Kaul Singh; Dewan Nurrain Singh, Motmid of Sirdar Sham Singh, Attareewallah; Oomaid Singh, son of Jeet Singh, commandant; and Dewan Vesakha Singh—complimentary.

8th December.

Sirdar Uttur Singh, Kalawallah, together with his *umlahs*—regarding reduction of irregular horse. Raie Mool Singh, Motmid of the Rajah

Kalan—regarding changes in the *adalat*. Khooshee Ram, Vakeel of Sirdar Lehna Singh, Bahadoor—with *adalat* papers. Jairam, Moonshee of Misr Megh Raj, Toshakhaneeah—Treasury papers. Rajah Deena Nath, Bahadoor—with revenue papers. Raie Bhag Singh, Vakeel to the Lahore Government—with Durbar papers. Fakeer Shums-ood-deen, and Taj-ood-deen—complimentary.

10th December.

Sirdar Uttar Singh, Kalawallah—to assist in reduction of irregular horse. Jairam, Moonshee of Misr Megh Raj, Toshakhaneeah—Treasury accounts. Kazee Mohkum-ood-deen, Vakeel of Maharajah Golab Singh—Cashmere affairs. Raie Bhag Singh, Vakeel to the Lahore Government—Durbar affairs. Gosatoon, Wuzeer of the Rajah of Mundee, and Hyder Ullly Khan, Vakeel of Sirdar Neehal Singh, Alloowallah—complimentary. Misr Megh Raj, Toshakhaneeah—customs returns. Raie Kishen Chund, Bahadoor—complimentary. Dyea Nath, Dufurree—with returns of irregulars; Fakeer Zahoor-ood-deen—complimentary.

11th December.

Gopal Singh Bedee, Oonawallah, with his Vakeel—regarding his master's *jagirs*. Raie Bhag Singh, Vakeel to the Lahore Government—with Durbar papers. Sirdar Lall Singh, Nabhawallah; Asanund, Vakeel of Dewan Moolraj of Mooltan; Lehna Singh, son of Sirdar Golab Singh, Pohoovindeeah; Sirdar Golab Singh, Attareewallah; and Fakeer Taj-ood-deen—complimentary.

12th December.

Raie Mool Singh, Motmid of Rajah Tej Singh Bahadoor—with private message. Jairam, Moonshee of Misr Megh Raj, Toshakhaneeah—Treasury accounts. Jowahir Buksh—complimentary.

(Sd.) J. LAWRENCE,

Officiating Resident.

**Political Diary of the Officiating Agent, Governor-General,
North-West Frontier, and Resident at Lahore, from the
12th to the 18th December 1847 inclusive.**

SUMMARY OF PUNJAB INTELLIGENCE.

12th December.

1. "Sirdar Golab Singh, Atareewallah, reports that a man, by name Soodhee Sukha Singh, a servant of Rajah Shere Singh, was last night assaulted by some person in Bhace Goormookh Singh's house, and wounded with a sabre. The Sirdar, who has charge of the Fort, is ordered to investigate the matter."

2. "Rajah Tej Singh tries to induce Sirdar Lehna Singh, Majeethia, to alter his intention to visit Benares, but without success."

3. "Proclamations are issued throughout the city denouncing penalties against all disturbers of peace during the Mohurram."

4. "Several of the merchants against whom Dewan Moolraj of Pind Dadun Khan has claims for sums due on account of salt sold to them, are brought to the Durbar, where they acknowledge to the sum of 96,000 rupees being due to the Government: bonds are taken from them to this amount. There are also many other merchants in the neighbourhood of Lahore who owe sums in like manner, and also others in the British territory and in that of Maharajah Golab Singh; 67,000 rupees are said to be due by these latter."

13th December.

1. Rajahs Tej Singh and Deena Nath, together with Sirdar Utur Singh and Raie Kishen Chund, take apart Dewan Moolraj, Nazim of Mooltan, for the purpose of probing his intentions in regard to retaining his government of Mooltan, telling him that he has always proved such a faithful servant of the Sirkar that it would be a matter of regret to lose his services now. The Dewan replies that it would be impossible for him to remain on good terms with his people much longer owing to the great reductions that have been made in the revenue and customs in the country ruled by the Durbar, while those of his own province remain as heretofore, thus causing great dissatisfaction to the people of Mooltan. Rajah Deena Nath promises to effect some satisfactory arrangement and to refer to me immediately for that purpose.

14th December.

1. The Maharajah, accompanied by some of the Chiefs, is conducted to the Race-course by Lieutenant Pollock, where, among others, he witnesses a race between some Sikh sowars.

2. "Roobakaree No. 1 is received from me, to the effect that no Rajah, Sirdar, or servant of the Government whatever should hold at the same time any villages or land in contract and a Kardaree, and that any one desirous of the latter should first close a previous contract, supposing him to have had one.

Roobakaree No. 2 complains that Mier Megh Raj has neglected to bring for my signature some orders on the Treasury, and stating that in case of a recurrence he must be punished.

Roobakaree No. 3 encloses a *roobakaree* from Lieutenant Edwardes referring for information about *dhurmurths* held by zemindars in Airce Khelan, for which they have original *sunnuds* signed by Now Neehal Singh, Shah Nuwar Khan, Futteh Khan, Towanah, and Dewan Dowlut Raie. Rajah Deena Nath gives his opinion that those granted by the two first mentioned individuals should be continued, but not those granted by the latter."

3. Sheikh Imam-ood-deen produces a bond for 1,01,000 rupees to be paid half in coin and half in *pushmeena*, due on his Cashmere accounts, which is to be submitted to me for approval before being accepted.

4. The Vakeel presents to the Durbar a Code of Criminal Laws (*Dustooroolumul-i-Faujdarree*) drawn up in the Urdu language under my superintendence.

15th December.

1. In company with Brigadier Campbell, I visit the Palace, Treasury, and Toshakhana, and suggest some further precautions for the protection of the latter.

2. "A *perwanah* is addressed to Jowahur Mull, Dat, to the effect that as he bought Government salt to the amount of 10,000 rupees from Mier Ameer Chund, and has not yet paid up, he must do so quickly, a diminution of 4,000 rupees being, however, made in this amount on account of the depreciated *nirikh* at which he retailed it."

3. "A *roobakaree* from me is read desiring that, as the accounts of Mirr Ameer Chand remain still unadjusted, an inventory be made of the Government property in his Toshakhana, which is to be made over to Mirr Megh Raj, and that any useless property be sold by auction."

4. "Rajah Deena Nath reports that on examining the accounts of Dewan Moolraj of Pind Dadum Khan as drawn up by him, and on comparing them with those drawn up in the *Dustur* from the records, a difference to the amount of 1,500 rupees was observed."

5. "Mr. Inglis attends the afternoon *Durbar*, where he superintends the hearing of some cases."

6. "Lieutenant Pollock visits the Maharajah."

7. "The Vakcel of Dewan Moolraj, Nazim of Mooltan, reports that his master, at an interview with me in the morning, had expressed his wish to resign the government of Mooltan, and that I had told him to think over the matter for a couple of days more, after which he was to give me a decided answer to remain in his government or to resign."

8. "A notice is circulated throughout the city advertising a sale by auction of the Residency Toshakhana property on Monday next, the 20th instant, at which every one will be at liberty to bid."

16th December.

1. "The Treasurer is ordered to take an inventory of the property in Rajah Lall Singh's Toshakhana and to transfer the same to the Government Toshakhana."

2. "A report is circulated through the *Durbar* that one Jey Kishun, a Mootsuddee, who is known to have written and sent letters to Rajah Lall Singh, and who had gone, under the pretence of a pilgrimage, to the Rajah, has returned with his answers to those letters." I will see to this.

3. "An *urree* is received from Sirdar Ram Singh, Jullawaleea, enclosing returns of cases decided during the month of September and promising to send returns of the two following months shortly. It also mentions that many instances of theft having recently occurred at Goojrat, recognizances for good behaviour in future have been taken from certain villages in the neighbourhood."

4. "Rajahs Tej Singh and Deena Nath adjourn to the house of the former, where they summon Dewan Moolraj, formerly of Pind Dadun Khan, and obtain from him two agreements. The first is to the effect that in case of any merchant repudiating a bill for salt purchased from him he will be responsible for its being liquidated; the second, that he will prove the correctness of the bond taken from him for the amount due in his accounts up to *Bhadoon* 1904, during the incumbency of Misr Ameer Chund and himself. The examination of his accounts having shown a balance of 21,000 rupees still outstanding against the Dewan, a bond for this amount is taken from him."

5. The Vakeel informs Rajah Deena Nath that I have sanctioned the payment of bills for 1,01,000 rupees due by Sheikh Imam-ood-deen, half in coin and half in *pushmuna*, provided the latter is calculated according to the Bazaar tariff.

6. "The Vakeel of Misr Ameer Chund represents that his gaoler keeps the Misr under such close surveillance that he has not allowed him to eat anything since the morning. An order is consequently given on the subject."

7. "Rajah Tej Singh writes a *perwanah* to the Vakeel ordering that the interior arrangements of the Magazine be put in order, as on his visit there in the morning he had been surprised at seeing the stores lying about on the ground like grain."

17th December.

1. "Rajah Deena Nath holds a private conversation with the Nazim of Mooltan on the subject of his remaining as Governor of that place. He begs him to fulfil the terms of his contract by retaining his Government for two years more, to which Moolraj replies that if he is allowed to hold it on the same terms as formerly and the Durbar will reconcile his brother to him, he will consent to do so; the matter drops."

2. "An order is issued not to hinder persons from traversing the streets at night during the Mohurram if carrying lights in their hands."

3. "The Vakeel of Sheikh Imam-ood-deen is ordered to send a Mother from his master to order that the sums shown on the debit side

of his accounts, as being due from zemindars in the Jullunder Doab, may be brought home to them. The Vakeel presents a *roobakaree* from me on the subject, addressed to the Jullunder district officer."

4. "A *roobakaree* from me is read desiring that an abridged form of the customs tariff be circulated throughout the country, the one first issued having been too lengthy for all comprehensions."

5. "Lalla Ram Chund, Mohurwalla, represents that Sirdar Mungul Singh has not yet carried into effect the orders for the dismissal of the Thanadars of Akalgarh, who have committed great acts of oppression against the people."

6. "A *roobakaree* is received from me desiring that a tax, called '*kumissana*,' levied on certain of the lower castes in *jaggers* and rent-free lands, be discontinued *in toto*. *Perwanahs* forbidding the custom are issued. Another *roobakaree* is received on the subject of sepoy's remittances to their homes, in which I advise that on the disbursement of pay any sepoy wishing to remit money to his family be allowed to pay it to the local Treasury whence he draws his pay, the Mootsuddee of such Treasury to grant a receipt and send a letter of advice to the Treasurer at the place to which the order is sent."

7. "Mr. Brown is ordered off to his post at Huzara, where he is to report himself to General Sooltan Mahmood."

8. "Sirdar Uttar Singh, Kalawallah, is told to dismiss 5 out of 10 sowars who accompanied Bhugut Pussundass from Dera Ismael Khan."

9. "Major Macgregor and Mr. Melvill attend the afternoon Durbar; some specimens of coal, lignite, etc., found in the Kohat range, just received, are produced for inspection, after which the usual hearing of cases is proceeded with."

18th December.

1. "A number of zemindars from the *ilakah* of Kuchee having presented themselves with complaints, they are asked why they have left their lands, the assessment of which Mr. Bowring is making, and they reply, 'to seek justice.'"

2. "Miser Ameer Chund and the merchants connected with him in the sale of salt are brought to the Durbar, where they are given to

understand that if the dues of the Government are paid up now, an allowance of 5 per cent. will be remitted to them on the whole, or that if they pay half now, they will be allowed another month to liquidate the remainder, or that in case of nothing being forthcoming they will all be sent to *Gowindgarh*. They are allowed till the evening to settle the question among themselves."

3. "Dewan Moolraj of Pind Dadun Khan and his merchants are also called up. Several of these give security for the payment of sums due by them within a short time: but others, who will neither make favourable promises, nor produce security, are given a few hours to think the matter over, with the prospect of being punished in case of their not reaching a satisfactory conclusion."

4. "A *perwanah* is addressed to Sirdar Runjore Singh, Majeethia, to send in a statement of his accounts immediately before the departure of his brother to Benares; otherwise, a future representation will be declined."

5. "The salt merchants of Jhung having complained that their salt is taxed by the Nazim of Mooltan, whereas in former days it was free, a *perwanah* is issued to Moolraj ordering him to furnish an explanation."

6. "Sirdar Kanh Singh, Man, reports a robbery on the Umritsur road and the capture of two of the thieves."

7. On Dewan Moolraj of Mooltan coming to the Durbar, he tenders his resignation of the government of his province from the beginning of the last *khureef*. The Sirdars try to dissuade him, but finding him determined, they agree to refer his resignation to me.

8. Rajah Deena Nath mentions to the Durbar a proposition I had made to him that, from the beginning of the *khureef* of 1905, no Kardar should hold the collection of more than two or three lakhs of rupees.

9. *Dales* of fruit are sent by the Durbar to me and all my Assistants.

10. Accompanied by two of my Assistants, I attend, as usual, the Durbar. On enquiring about the intentions of Dewan Moolraj of Mooltan, Rajah Deena Nath produces a letter from that individual to the Maharajah tendering his resignation, from the commencement of the

the last *khureef*, or autumnal crop, saying that, as nothing had been collected by his people on that account, it could make no difference to the Sirkar. I point out the impossibility of allowing such a step as this, which would involve the loss of a portion of the last crop; and explain that if he wishes to resign from the beginning of the *rabbee* or spring crop, he can do so, finally desiring that he be sent off to Mooltan within a couple of days to collect the winter crop. Rajah Deena Nath writes him a reply to his petition to this effect. Mir Sahab Deel, to whom the customs have been farmed, presents the sum of 50,000 rupees, being the instalment due for the month of November. I remark that if we had *few* such men as the Mir, all would be well. Rajah Tej Singh informs me that the "cart is ready" for conveying Moolraj of Pind Dadun Khan to Govindgurh, and that he will be sent off to-morrow. I am then told to my surprise that Pidur Buksh, *adultee* of Kalanour, finding himself dissatisfied with his office, has come to Lahore. I say that he is very culpable in having left his post without orders. I desire that Sirdar Lehna Singh's accounts be adjusted without delay and a *raazee-namah* procured from him.

11. The following documents are enclosed:—

No. 1.—Lieutenant Edwardes' Diary from 1st to 4th instant.

No. 2.—Mr. Bowring's ditto from 30th ultimo to 6th instant.

No. 3.—Mr. Cocks' Journal from 29th ultimo to 12th instant.

No. 4.—Lieutenant Nicholson's Diary from 28th ultimo to 11th instant.

No. 5.—Lieutenant Edwardes' ditto from 6th to 9th instant.

No. 6.—Lieutenant Lumsden's Peshawur ditto from 29th ultimo to 5th instant.

No. 7.—Maharajah Golab Singh's letter and proclamation abolishing *suttee*, infanticide, and slavery, in Persian.

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VISITS PAID AND RECEIVED.

13th December.

Sirdar Uttar Singh, Kalawallah—with pensioners of irregular cavalry. Gossoon, Wuzter of the Rajah of Mundee—complimentary. Jai Ram, Moonshee of Mir Megh Raj, Toshakhancea—Treasury accounts. Raie Mool Singh, Motmid of Rajah Tej Singh Bahadoor—with private message. Raie Bhag Singh, Vakeel to the Lahore Government—Durbar

papers. Dewan Shunkur Nath—revenue papers. Kazeer Mohkum-ood-deen, Vakeel of Maharajah Golab Singh, Bahadoor—complimentary. Beerbur Misr Sahib Deel—customs returns. Rajah Shere Singh, Bahadoor, with Dewan Gokul Chund—complimentary. Lalla Khooshee Ram, Vakeel of Sirdar Lehna Singh, Bahadoor—with *adabut* records. Dewan Luchmee Pershad—complimentary on taking his leave. Baba Luchmun Singh, Motmid of Sirdar Lehna Singh, Bahadoor, and Shahzadah Sooltan Zuman Khan—complimentary.

14th December.

Beerbur Misr Sahib Deel—customs returns. Raie Bhag Singh, Vakeel to the Lahore Government—Durbar papers. Raie Kishun Chund, Bahadoor, and Ram Chund, Ruptee—complimentary. Ruttun Chund, with the long beard—post office returns. Luchmee Sahaie, Dufturee—report of irregular troops paid up. Hyder Ally Khan, Motmid of Alloowallah Sirkar—with message from his master.

15th December.

Jairam, Moonshee of Misr Megh Raj, Toshakhanees—Treasury accounts. Raie Bhag Singh, Vakeel to the Lahore Government—Durbar papers. Hyder Ally Khan, Motmid of Alloowallah Sirkar, and Raie Kishun Chund, Bahadoor—complimentary. Dewan Moolraj, Nazim of Mooltan, with his Vakeel—regarding Mooltan. Suddanund, news-writer—Akhbar. Lalla Khooshee Ram, Vakeel of Sirdar Lehna Singh—regarding Lehna Singh's movements.

16th December.

Suddanund, news-writer—Akhbars. Raie Bhag Singh, Vakeel to the Lahore Government—Durbar returns. Pundit Radha Kishun and Fakeer Shums-ood-deen—complimentary. Beerbur Misr Sahib Deel—customs returns.

17th December.

Jairam, Moonshee of Misr Megh Raj, Toshakhanees—Treasury accounts. Raie Mool Singh, Motmid of Rajah Tej Singh, Bahadoor, with Roop Chund and Bunna Muli—private message from the Rajah. Suddanund, news-writer—Akhbars. Raie Bhag Singh, Vakeel to the Lahore Government—Durbar returns. Gosatoon, Wuzzeer of the Rajah

of Mundeel—complimentary. Balmokund, Umballa Treasurer—to pay his respects. Asanund, Vakeel to the Nazim of Mooltan, with message. Lalla Khooshee Ram, Vakeel to Sirdar Lehna Singh Bahadoor—judicial business. Pundit Dyea Shunker, Dufturee of Sowaree Force, with two Mootsuddes—with Irregular Troops' return. Hukeem Moostuffa Shah, servant to the Lahore Government, and Jowahir, Buskhee of Rajah Shere Singh, Bahadoor—complimentary. Rajah Deena Nath, Bahadoor—with revenue papers, etc., etc. Hyder Ally Khan, Motmid of Sirdar Neehal Singh, Alloowallah—message from his master.

18th December.

Rafe Kishun Chund, Bahadoor—complimentary. Misr Megh Raj, with Goderam and Jairam, Mootsuddes—customs returns. Suddanund, news-writer—Akhbars. Luchmee Sahale, Dufturee of Sowars—returns of irregulars. Rafe Bhag Singh, Vakeel to the Lahore Government—Durbar returns. Hyder Ally Khan, Motmid of Alloowallah Sirkar—complimentary. Rafe Mool Singh, Motmid of Rajah Tej Singh Bahadoor—private message. Sirdar Golab Singh, Attareewallah, and Fakcer Shums-ood-deen—complimentary. Beerbur Misr Saheb Decal—customs return.

19th December.

Jairam, Moonshee of Megh Raj, Toshakhanets—Treasury accounts. Luchmee Sahale, Dufturee of the Ghorchurra Sowars—Irregular Troops returns.

(Sd.) JOHN LAWRENCE,

Officiating Resident at Lahore.

**Political Diary of the Officiating Agent, Governor-General,
North-West Frontier, and Resident at Lahore, from
the 19th to the 25th December 1847.**

SUMMARY OF PUNJAB INTELLIGENCE

19th December.

1. "The Bunnoo Akhbar reports that Lieutenant Taylor had returned to Peshawur with 250 Sowars and 50 Barukzye Zumboorukchees; that all the Mulliks had presented themselves to Lieutenant Edwardes with the exception of Dilasa Khan, who had sent his son, and that Lieutenant Edwardes had written to him ordering him to come in himself."

2. "The Maharajah, accompanied by Rajahs Tej and Shere Singh and others, goes out for the purpose of witnessing the festivities of the Mohurrum."

3. "*Perwanahs* are sent to nine Kardars directing them to resume the *jageers* of Rulla Ram, Chopra, deceased."

4. "Dewan Moolraj of Mooltan presents himself at the Durbar and announces his willingness to retain the government of his province for another year at least."

20th December.

1. My chief news-writer, at my desire, again presses on the Durbar the necessity of sending away Dewan Moolraj of Pind Dadun Khan to Govindgurh; requests that Sirdar Boor Singh be ordered off to Sheikhoopoor at once, and Baba Luchmun Singh to his post.

2. A *perwanah* is addressed to Sirdar Kanh Singh, Man, ordering him to superintend the arrangements for conveying Dewan Moolraj and his brothers, Hunsraj and Rajroop, to the fort of Govindgurh, to the Killadar of which instructions are also sent. Rajahs Deena Nath and Tej Singh appear to wish that a little more time should be allowed the Dewan, but do not venture another representation to me.

3. "Information is brought that Fakeer Taj-ood-deen, Killadar of the Fort of Govindgurh, is now in Lahore. Orders are sent him to go to Umritsur immediately."

4. "The Sheikhoopoor Akhbar mentions that Bana, a Khidmutgar of the Maharanee, has come to Lahore for the purpose of removing a *chowree* from the tomb of Sirdar Jowahir Singh and of fetching some utensils, etc., for Her Highness."

5. A representation is received from the Kardar of Duhnee regarding a case of cow-killing by the zemindars of Chukoowal. This is immediately referred to me.

6. "Dewan Moolraj of Pind Dadun Khan, Hunsraj and Rajroop, his brothers, are sent off to the Fort of Govindgurh."

7. "A reply is sent to the *amir* of the Kardar of Duhnee, to the effect that all cases of cow-killing in his district are to be taken before his *aduluts*, with a statement of the case."

8. "A *perwanah* is written to Dewan Moolraj, Nazim of Mooltan, informing him that he is at liberty to continue or to remit the tax on pasture land, and to adhere to the old rate of customs, etc., or to institute that which recently obtained with the Lahore Government. Full powers are given him with regard to the turbulent characters in his country; he is told to punish them promptly; but special injunctions are given to deal lightly with his people."

9. The imprisonment of Dewan Moolraj and his brothers appears to have caused a certain amount of sensation, my chief news-writer asserting that it has formed a topic of conversation in the bazaars.

21st December.

1. "Rajah Tej Singh, suffering from indisposition, sends for Dr. Martin."

2. My chief news-writer, agreeably with my instructions, desires that a *perwanah* be sent to Sirdar Boor Singh at Sheikhoopoorah with orders to proclaim it unlawful for Fakeers or Brahmins to assemble in that city, and that imprisonment will follow an infringement of this order.

3. "An order on the Treasury for 1,500 rupees is given to Hukeem Bhugwan Dass on account of expenses of the tombs, etc., of deceased Maharajahs."

4. "The Umritsur Akhbar reports the arrival of Lieutenant Lake in that place."

5. The Vakeel announces that I have consented to a *khillat* being conferred on Dewan Moolraj of Mooltan.

6. "Mr. Melvill visits the Maharajah."

22nd December.

1. "A *roobakaree* is received from me desiring that the Killadar of Jumrood, who left his post without orders and went to Peshawur, be discharged and imprisoned, also that some other officials, specified in detail, be ordered to their respective situations, and that warning be again given to Government servants not to abandon their duties without special instructions. Various *perwanahs* are consequently issued."

2. "A second *roobakaree* of mine advises that Mistr Rulla Ram, the Nazim of Pind Dadun Khan, be allowed to collect the revenue of his

province as formerly for the autumnal crops, after which Mr. Bowring will make a Summary Settlement."

3. "Leave of absence for one month is granted to Mier Rulla Ram."

4. "In reply to a petition sent by the Kardar of Goojrat, setting forth the recusancy of a Khutree in paying a promissory note, his resistance to the sepoy's sent to capture him, and his eventual release by his brother Khutrees when placed in confinement, he is told to send all the parties implicated in the affair, in the first instance, to Lahore."

5. "A *perwanah* is addressed to the Killadar of Govindgurh advising him that 25 sepoy's, with 4 officers and a Soobadar, have been appointed to his Fort. Similar advices are sent to Sirdar Boor Singh regarding Sheikhoopoorah."

6. "The Peshawur Akhbar reports that on the 30th *Mughur* there was a balance in the Treasury of 1,80,000 rupees."

7. "A petition is received from Sirdar Chuttur Singh, Attareewallah, in which he mentions the arrival of Captain J. Cunningham from Ludakh, and states that he had sent him a present of 125 rupees."

8. "Circulars are addressed to all officers and Government officials strictly prohibiting them to leave their posts without permission from the Durbar to do so, or the temporary appointment of any of his friends by an absentee."

9. "Mr. Inglis attends the Durbar for the purpose of superintending the hearing of some cases."

10. "A report is made that Sheikh Imam-ood-deen has paid into the Government *Toshakhana* rupees 51,000 and 50,000 rupees worth *pushmiana*, by which instalment he has liquidated his Cashmere debts."

23rd December.

1. "Rajah Tej Singh professes a desire to make an excursion to Umritsur with Sirdar Lehna Singh, Majeethia, for the purpose of seeing the latter's *thakurdwara*. The Sirdar replies that he will be happy to accompany the Rajah after the adjustment of his accounts with Government. They afterwards converse on the subject of the Government

customs, regarding the present administration of which they recur to with satisfaction."

2. The Vakeel mentions to the Durbar a proposition made by me to divide the *adulut* establishment of Sirdar Mungul Singh, half of which, under Anunt Ram, I propose sending to Jhung, while the remainder will be left with the Sirdar at Wuzzeersabad.

3. "Sirdar Autar Singh, son of Sirdar Chuttur Singh, Attareewallah, reports his arrival at Lahore from Huzara."

4. "An *urree* is delivered from Sirdar Mungul Singh acknowledging the receipt of a *perwanah*, ordering the dismissal of his Thanadars, and stating that he had appointed others: that Anunt Ram had placed himself under his orders, but that three of his Sherishtadars, who had disobeyed his orders, were deserving of dismissal. A reply is sent reprehending his conduct in appointing fresh Thanadars without orders, and telling him to send in the recusant Sherishtadars."

5. I attend the Durbar, accompanied by four of my Assistants. Rajah Tej Singh informs me that coin to the amount of 1,63,000 rupees and 80,000 rupees worth of jewels have been transferred from Rajah Lall Singh's Toshakhana to that of the Government. On alluding to Sirdar Mungul Singh's complaint regarding his own Sherishtadars, the Vakeel produced the *urree* received from the Sirdar before alluded to, after hearing which I desire that the Thanadars appointed without orders be recalled, and that the Sherishtadars be brought to Lahore and held incapable of further Government employ. I also desire that arrangements be made for sending Anunt Ram with a compliment of officials from Sirdar Mungul Singh's *adulut* to Jhung. Rajah Tej Singh asks me whether the news of Colonel Lawrence's arrival in Calcutta has been received. A *khillut* of 15 pieces, three descriptions of jewellery, and an elephant and horse, are given to Dewan Moolraj, Nazim of Mooltan, it being the occasion of his taking his "*rakhsut*." A piece of paper, on which is painted a small bull's-eye, having its centre perforated by a ball shot by the Maharajah, is shown me. An *urree* from the Killadar of Govindgurh, reporting the arrival at that place of Dewan Moolraj and his brothers, is read to me.

6. After the Durbar I visit, with my Assistants, the house of Surfuraz Khan, the ex-Nawab of Mooltan, having been invited by him to

attend the celebration of his son's wedding. He presents me (much against my will), with a *khillat* of 15 pieces and a horse.

24th December.

1. "Early in the morning I go to the new Lahore post office, managed by Moonshee Ruttun Chund, and enquire about the postage levied, etc."

2. "The Umritsur Akhbar mentions an attempt at suicide by a girl 16 years old, who, taking a pistol of her father's, discharged it at her own head. A bad wound is the only result."

3. "A number of merchants, having salt for which they have not paid Government, are called on either to give bonds for the payment of the same within two months, or to find security, or that otherwise it must be sold, and the proceeds appropriated by Government. After some conversation on the subject, Rajah Deena Nath decides that bonds must be taken from those merchants who have not yet sold their salt; and that if those who have sold it do not immediately pay the cost price to Government, they must be imprisoned."

4. "Rajah Deena Nath, having drawn up the accounts of the Rajahs of Mundee and Kuhlloor, takes bonds from Wuzeer Gosacon and the Kuhlloor Rajah's Mother to the amount of 21,000 rupees and 1,700 rupees respectively."

5. "Major Macgregor attends the afternoon Durbar, where he goes through the hearing of some cases."

6. The Vakeel informs Rajah Deena Nath that he has spoken to me on the subject of his *jageer*, having assured me that Colonel Lawrence had made several verbal promises that Kulanour should be given to him, and that I had consented to affix my signature to the *sunnud* provided a plan of the *jageer* were first brought for my inspection.

25th December.

1. *Dalces* of fruit, etc., are sent by the Durbar in honour of Christmas Day to General Littler, myself, and Assistants.

2. "The Vakeel reads a *roobakaree* from me ordering that unless Bukshee Bhuggut Ram's accounts are adjusted within a week, he be

sent to Govindgurh; and that as the fifteen days allowed him in a previous *roohakree* are exceeded, his *jagier* be resumed. Another *roohakree* is received calling for returns of the Regular Troops."

3. "Bukshée Bhuggut Ram, presenting himself at the Durbar, announces that his accounts will be adjusted within the stipulated time."

4. This being Christmas Day I do not attend the Durbar at the Palace as usual.

5. "Some zemindars of the *ilakah* of Bootahwallah complain of oppression."

6. "Twenty-five sowars are sent out for the protection of the highway between the Bawalee of Munglan and Goojranwalla."

7. The following documents are enclosed :—

Nos. 1 to 4.—Lieutenant Edwardes' Diary from 11th to 16th instant.

No. 5.—Lieutenant Nicholson's ditto from 12th to 18th instant.

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VISITS PAID AND RECEIVED.

20th December.

Jairam, Moonshee of Mīr Megh Raj, Toshakhaneea—Treasury accounts. Fakcer Noor-ood-deen, Sirdar Boor Singh and Gosaadon, Wuzeer of the Rajah of Mundee—complimentary. Rāis Kishun Chund and Bhag Singh, Vakeels to the Lahore Government—Durbar papers. Hyder Ally Khan, Motmid of Sirdar Neehal Singh, Alloowallah—with letter from his master. Rāis Mool Singh, Motmid of Rajah Tej Singh, Bahadoor—papers of the army. Sirdar Lehna Singh with Lalla Khooshee Ram, his Vakeel—a private visit. Kanh Singh, Vakeel of Sirdar Ram Singh, Jullawalleea—with official duties. Dewan Moolraj, Nazim of Mooltan, with his Vakeel; Rajah Shere Singh Bahadoor; Sirdars Phoola Singh and Uttar Singh, Kallawallah—complimentary visit.

21st December.

Jairam, Moonshee of Mīr Megh Raj, Toshakhaneea—Treasury returns. Suddanund, news-writer—Akhbars. Rāis Mool Singh, Motmid of Rajah Tej Singh, Bahadoor—private message. Rāis Bhag Singh, Vakeel to the Lahore Government—Durbar returns. Lalla Bulloo Mul and Hyder Ally Khan, Motmids of Sirdar Neehal Singh, Alloowallah—

private message from their master. Beerbur Misr Sahib Deel—customs papers. Raie Kishun Chund, Bahadoor—complimentary.

23rd December.

Raie Bhag Singh, Vakeel to the Lahore Government—Durbar papers. Jairam, Moonshee of Misr Megh Raj, Toshakhanecca—Treasury papers. Raie Mool Singh, Motmid of Rajah Tej Singh, Bahadoor—private message. Dewan Moolraj, Nazim of Mooltan—private conference and to take leave. Lalla Khooshee Ram, Vakeel of Sirdar Lehna Singh—*adalat* papers. Sirdar Golab Singh, Attareewallah; Saen Dass, Vakeel of Rajah Shere Singh, Bahadoor; and Fakeer Shums-ood-deen—complimentary.

24th December.

Lalla Khooshee Ram, Vakeel of Sirdar Lehna Singh—with judicial papers. Raie Kishun Chund, Bahadoor—complimentary. Rutum Chund with the long beard—with post office returns. Raie Bhag Singh—Durbar papers. Raie Mool Singh, Motmid of Rajah Tej Singh, Bahadoor—with army returns.

25th December.

Raie Bhag Singh, Vakeel to the Lahore Government—Durbar returns. Raie Mool Singh, Motmid of Rajah Tej Singh Bahadoor—army returns. Pandit Shunkur Nath, Dosturee—with revenue papers. Jairam, Moonshee of Misr Megh Raj, Toshakhanecca—Treasury papers.

26th December.

Jairam, Moonshee of Misr Megh Raj, Toshakhanecca—Treasury returns. Suddanund, news-writer—Akhbars.

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**Political Diary of the Officiating Agent, Governor-General,
North-West Frontier, and Resident at Lahore, from
the 26th December 1847 to the 1st January 1848.**

SUMMARY OF PUNJAB INTELLIGENCE.

26th December.

1. "Rajah Tej Singh, suffering from severe indisposition, undergoes the operation of bleeding; he is consequently unable to attend the Durbar. In the afternoon a Durbar is held in his house."

2. "Rajah Deena Nath, having completed the accounts of the Sooket, Kuhlloor, and Mundeewalla Rajahs, informs their Vakeels that a balance of 39,700 rupees is due by their masters, bonds amounting to which sum are taken from them."

3. "Rajah Tej Singh submits a proposal to appoint Sirdar Golab Singh, Bhagoowallah, as commandant of the Ramghurreah Sowars."

4. "Sirdar Kanh Singh, Man, represents that the guard over the gaol is not strong enough, as compared with the number of prisoners; more sepoyes are promised."

5. "Mier Megh Raj informs the Durbar that I have desired the sale by auction of all moth-eaten garments in the Government Toshakhana; all serviceable articles to be retained."

27th December.

1. "Rajah Tej Singh is again so much indisposed as to be unable to leave his house."

2. "A Bunnoo Akhbar is received, which speaks of Lieutenant Edwards' arrangements for making the Vuzerees, who come down yearly to cultivate, pay some rent for the land they appropriate to themselves; of the commencement of the new fort, to be named 'Dulleepgurh,' and of the satisfactory way in which the Mulliks have come in to that officer."

3. The Vakeel is ordered to bring before me certain farmers of the ferries, who have paid 36,000 rupees of their contract to Government, and beg to be excused the payment of the remainder, amounting to rupees 5,114, on certain specified pleas, which are to be submitted for my approval.

4. "The accounts of Bukshee Bhuggut Ram, on being produced, are sent to Bukshee Umreek Rale, with instructions to that individual to affix his seal to them if they be correct; if not, to report the same."

5. Sirdar Shumshere Singh, Sindhanwalla, and Khulleefa Noor-ood-deen, pay a visit of enquiry to Rajah Tej Singh. I also, accompanied by Major G. Lawrence, visit the Rajah in the evening for the like purpose. The Vakeel, who is there, informs me that gold, to the amount of 7,000 tolas, has been discovered in Rajah Lal Singh's Toshakhana, the total value of gold found in the same being nearly 5 lakhs of rupees. It appears that no inventory has been taken of the Rajah's Toshakhana since the time of Maharajah Khuruk Singh.

28th December.

1. "Rajah Tej Singh's health still very bad."

2. "The Vakeel informs the Durbar that I have refused to admit the excuses preferred by the ferry-farmers against paying a balance due by them to the Government amounting to 5,114 rupees, and that I had ordered this sum to be speedily made good."

3. "A *perwanah* is addressed to Mistr Saheb Deen, drawn up by my sanction and the Mistr's concurrence, ordering him to continue the duty on fine English cloths at 30 rupees per maund, but to diminish this sum by 10 rupees per maund on coarse, heavy stuffs."

4. "A notification is served to Sheikh Imam-ood-deen to liquidate a bond for 5,000 rupees, signed by him for Ameer Chund, who was the Kardar of Cashmere, during the Governorship of General Meean Singh, which bond has been discovered in Rajah Lal Singh's Toshakhana."

5. Mr. Inglis conducts the Chiefs to the Durbar at the Residency. I introduced Lieutenant Lake, who has just arrived from Umritsur, and inform Rajah Deena Nath that he will shortly proceed to effect the revenue settlement of the country lying between the Ravce and Jummo; the Rajah then produces a bond for 21,000 rupees given by Wuzeer Gossoon for the revenue of Mundee during the incumbency of Sirdar Lehna Singh, Majeethia, which he assures me he gives with pleasure. Another bond for 17,000 rupees is also shown me from the

Vakeel of the Sooketwallah Rajah; he also, on being asked whether he has written it with his own good will, answers in the affirmative, but requests to be allowed to pay it up in four instalments. I therefore desire him to wait on me to-morrow. Rajah Deena Nath informs me that Sirdar Lehna Singh Majeethia's accounts exhibit a balance against him of 20,000 rupees Nanuk Shahee and 8,000 rupees Cashmeree. There is likewise a balance of 1,700 rupees outstanding against the Rajah of Kuhloor. I affix my signature to a number of *perwanahs* on various subjects.

The Rajah then advises me that he has issued *perwanahs* to the ferry farmers, ordering them to pay up their arrears, and that they have replied by again begging their remission. I desire that Dewan Moolraj's salt merchants be proceeded against in the manner notified in my *rooba-karee, &c.*, by putting up their salt to public auction, in case of their not making arrangements for a speedy payment. A portion only of the revenue due on account of the last *khurreef* crop by some villages in the neighbourhood of Lahore, held in farm by Hunsraj, brother to Dewan Moolraj of Pind Dadun Khan, and now in the Fort of Govindgurb, having been collected, and a portion being still due, Rajah Deena Nath advises the appointment of another Kardar, to which I object, desiring him to come to me to-morrow to talk on the subject.

29th December.

1. "Rajah Deena Nath, Raie Kishun Chund and Umreek Raie, examine the abstract statement of Bukshce Bhuggut Ram's accounts. Umreek Raie, on being told to authenticate the accounts if he knew them to be correct, says that they are full of mistakes, and that a balance of 4 lakhs of rupees will remain unaccounted for. Bukshce Bhuggut Ram, who is present, declares that for any sums which may be brought against him, besides what is entered in his accounts, he has Government *sunnuds*, which he promises to produce."

2. "A *perwanah* is addressed to the Kardar of Mittah Towanah reprimanding him for having recalled his Vakeel from General Cortlandt's camp, and ordering him to attend to Lieutenant Edwardes' requisition to present himself, whenever such may be made."

3. "Rajah Deena Nath addresses himself to the Durbar, to the effect that the merchants who have given bonds for the payment of

salt sold to them by Mir Ameer Chund and Dewan Moolraj will speedily liquidate the same; and also, that the accounts of Bukshee Bhuggut Ram and Sirdar Runjore Singh, Majeethla, will be shortly adjusted."

4. Rajah Deena Nath pays me a visit in the afternoon.

5. "Rajah Kishun Chund requests that a certificate for his good services may be granted him, and his resignation accepted, until such time as he may be again required."

6. "Rajah Tej Singh gives vent to a burst of charitable feeling by expressing his desire to become the founder of a public hospital, a dispensary, and a college!"

7. "Rajah Deena Nath, having returned to the Durbar, informs it that I have consented to the bestowal of the *ilakah* of 'Kuller' in *jageer* to Rajah Shere Singh,* and of a *jageer* of 10,000 rupees in Turun Tarun to Sirdar Uttur Singh, Kalawallah, to the establishment of a printing office, and various other points of general interest."

8. In company with Dr. Hathaway I visit Rajah Tej Singh.

9. "Mr. Inglis attends the afternoon Durbar for the purpose of hearing some cases."

30th December.

1. "Rajah Tej Singh is sufficiently well to attend Durbar in the Fort."

2. "In consequence of my having yesterday expressed my opinion that there was no necessity for the son of Sirdar Sooltan Mahomed Khan remaining in Lahore, a *khullut* of the value of 500 rupees is ordered to be prepared for his *rukhsutana*: he is to go to Peshawur."

3. "Mohunud Arif Khan, Vakeel of Surfuraz Khan of Mooltan, applies for leave to visit Bhawalpoor, which is accordingly granted."

4. "A *perwanah* is sent to the zemindars of Jhundiallee in the Eminabad *ilakah*, ordering them to pay the sum of 130 rupees in lieu of some property stolen in their district from Lieutenant Robinson."

* NOTE.—These are the *jageers* promised by Colonel Lawrence in lieu of Council allowance

5. "Circulars are issued to all Kardars in the Rechnab Doab advising them that Lieutenant Lake will be shortly amongst them making their revenue settlement, and ordering that returns of the several *ilakhs* be prepared."

6. "Sirdar Kanh Singh, Man, is ordered to separate prisoners under trial from those on whom sentence has been passed."

7. "Rajahs Tej Singh and Deena Nath, and Sirdar Lehna Singh, Majeethia, agree that as Bukshee Bhuggut Ram is an old servant and well-wisher of the Government, it will be a pity if he meet the same disgrace that Dewan Mooraj has been burdened with."

8. "Rajah Deena Nath announces that Teg Chund, Kardar, has paid up 60,000 rupees on account of the last crop."

9. "Wuzeer Gossoon, presenting himself at the Durbar, pays down 16,000 rupees on account of the bond taken from him a few days since for 21,000 rupees, on behalf of Sirdar Runjore Singh, Majeethia, and promises to pay the remainder in 3 or 4 days."

10. "A *perwanah* certifying to the good services of Sirdar Lehna Singh, Majeethia, and Raie Kishun Chund, and accepting their resignations, is presented to Rajah Deena Nath for his signature."

11. "The Vakeel informs Rajah Deena Nath that I have desired him to bring all *perwanahs* for my signature at any time excepting the bi-weekly Durbar, as I should then be able to give more deliberation in sanctioning them than is possible in the multiplicity of business during the time of Durbar."

12. "The villages formerly held in farm by Hunaraj in the neighbourhood of Lahore (referred to in Diary of 28th December) have been parcelled out amongst the various *ilakhs* to which they are adjacent."

13. "A *perwanah* is issued to Colonel Man Singh recalling him and his Regiment from Bunnoo; another *perwanah* is issued to General Cortlandt authorizing him to order Futteh Singh, Chuppahwallah's Regiment from Hussun Abdal in case of its being required."

14. My chief news-writer informs me "that there is a strong feeling in the Durbar on behalf of Bukshee Bhuggut Ram, who, Bukshee Umreck Raie says, should be made to pay a balance of 4 lakhs of rupees,

which he has not accounted for satisfactorily ; that the Moosulmans and Hindoos see which can make the most noise in their calls to prayers, the Hindoos blowing the shell when they hear the *usan* and *vice versa* ; and that Kanh Chund, the farmer of Kussoor, has so far oppressed his ryots as to exact 5 rupees in the place of 1 rupee, in consequence of which he ought to be dismissed." I will see to this.

31st December.

1. "A Sheikhoopora Akhbar reports that, as ordered, Sirdar Door Singh had cleared the town of Fakeers, Sadhs, and Brahmins, with the exception of one Fakeer and some Brahmins, who, on being told to go, immediately simulate suicidal actions." This is ordered to be sent for my information.

2. "Sirdar Lal Singh, Moorarees, is ordered to send in a detailed statement of the outgoings and incomings of his *adalut*."

3. "A *roobakaree* being received from me on the subject of the sums due by Dewan Moolraj and salt merchants to the Government, Raie Kishun Chund informs the Durbar that Sheikh Imam-ood-deen and Ruttun Chund, Doogul, have offered to become their securities, and on these conditions, that whenever Dewan Moolraj is released from the Fort of Govindgurh the 21,000 rupees due by him shall be then paid up, and that two months be allowed for collecting the debts of the merchants. Rajah Tej Singh says that these terms shall be accepted after arrangements shall have been concluded with the merchants themselves to that effect."

4. "A *perwanah* is addressed to the Nazim of Mooltan ordering him to pay out of the proceeds of the last crop due to Government by him, amounting to 5,62,000 rupees, a former order for pay to the troops at Bunnoo of 58,000 rupees, and another order which is now for the first time sent him, for 1,75,000 rupees, on the same account, which he is to convey to the boundary line of Mooltan and there to make over to General Cortlandt's people."

5. "Bukshes Bhuggut Ram and Umreek Raie being confronted together, the examination of the accounts of the former is commenced, who disposes of a considerable portion of the four lakhs of rupees, said by the latter to be due by him, by producing some *sunnuds* of

Maharajah Shere Singh and others, authorizing the payment of troops, etc., which do not appear to have been entered into his accounts, and is progressing with his explanations when Major Macgregor arrives, according to custom, to hear the reading of cases. The examination of the Bukshee's accounts is therefore postponed till to-morrow."

1st January 1848.

1. My chief news-writer, as ordered by me, introduces to the Durbar the necessity of a patrol on the high roads in the Manjha, some robberies, etc., having been recently perpetrated there; and suggests that the *jageerdar* horsemen be employed for this purpose, rewards being offered for the capture of thieves, etc., and a percentage being allowed on recovered stolen property. Returns of these horsemen are to be sent in for my inspection, and an arrangement to the above purpose will be speedily effected.

2. The Vakeel informs the Durbar, agreeably to my directions, that the Sergeant who murdered the Fakeer in September last has been transported for life. He then requests Rajah Tej Singh to accommodate the public by giving up Kote Lukput Rae for the purpose of a gaol. The Rajah makes excuses regarding it, but offers all his other possessions from which to select a gaol, except that asked for.

3. "A *roobakaree* is received from me calling for an account of the yearly expenses of the Maharajah."

4. "Circulars are distributed throughout the city ordering the Moonshees at the various Dak houses in the country to deliver letters that arrive, to the person addressed, by their own people; or, in case of the persons living at a distance, to send their letters by people passing their way."

5. This being New Year's day, *dallers* of fruit, etc., are sent me by the Durbar.

6. "A *perwanah* is addressed to Sirdar Boor Singh to the effect that if he is unable to persuade the Fakeer who obstinately refuses to leave Sheikhoopoor, he is to try to send him off in a *batlee* (native chariot)."

7. "Sirdar Lehna Singh, Majeethia, pays 19,000 rupees Nanuk Shahee and 8,000 rupees Cashmeree, thereby clearing up the balance due by him on account of the Doah. He presents the Maharajah with an elephant, a silver *howdah*, a horse, etc., on taking leave to go to Benares."

8. "Some Bhaies who live at the Lahore Gate complain that the sentries at that gate have been lately in the habit of denying ingress to armed persons attending on the Sirdars."

9. The Vakeel having brought a *perwanah* granting a *jageer* of 4,140 rupees for my signature, I refuse to acknowledge the same, Rajah Deena Nath having agreed with me in naming 4,000 rupees; the Rajah acknowledges his error.

10. I attend the Durbar accompanied by three of my Assistants. I desire that copies of the two first codes of law be sent to all the Thanadars and Adalutees, and also that copies of the same in Goormookhee be multiplied. The subject of the English sepoy's stopping armed people at the Lahore Gate is brought to my notice. I speak to Major Macgregor about it, who rectifies the mistake.

A set of horse trappings, studded with diamonds, said to be worth a lakh of rupees, is then shown me; it was discovered in Rajah Lal Singh's Toshakhana, and is said to have been used by Maharajah Runjeet Singh at the meeting with the Governor-General at Roopur.

A *khillat* is then presented to Major G. Lawrence, that officer intending to start for Peshawur on Monday morning.

I inquire about the lithographic press, the purchase of which I have sanctioned; it has not yet arrived from Umritsur.

11. The following documents are enclosed:—

No. 1.—Lieutenant Taylor's Peshawur Diary from 15th to 18th December.

Nos. 2, 3.—Mr. Bowring's Diaries from 7th to 17th *idem*.

Nos. 4, 5.—Lieutenant Edwardes' Diaries, Nos. 11 and 12, from 18th to 21st *idem*.

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VISITS PAID AND RECEIVED.

27th December.

Rajah Shere Singh Bahadoor, with Sirdar Autar Singh—complimentary. Suddanund, news-writer—Akhbars. Shahzadah Sooltan Jumal—complimentary. Raie Bhag Singh, Vakeel to the Lahore Government—Durbar papers. Fakeer Noor-ood-deen—complimentary. Beerbur Misr Sahib Deel—customs returns. Hyder Ally Khan, Motmid to the Alloowalla Sirkar—message from his master. Sirdar Uttar Singh Kallawalla—on business connected with the Irregular Troops. Lalla Khooshee Ram, Vakeel of Sirdar Lehna Singh—judicial papers. Kazee Mohkum-ood-deen, Vakeel of Maharajah Golab Singh Bahadoor—regarding Cashmere. Kanh Singh, Vakeel of Sirdar Ram Singh, Jullawallah—judicial papers. Raie Mool Singh, Motmid of Rajah Tej Singh Bahadoor—private message.

28th December.

Bhaie Nidhan Singh—family matters. Ruttun Chund with the long beard—post office matters. Suddanund, news-writer—Akhbars. Raie Mool Singh, Motmid of Rajah Tej Singh Bahadoor—private message. Lalla Umreck Raie, Dewan of the Regular Troops—with returns of Regular Troops. Khoosheel Singh, Commandant of the Ghorchurra Force—complimentary. Sunt Singh, Vakeel of Bedee Bikrama Singh, Oonawalla—message from his master.

Public Durbar—Rajahs Deena Nath and Shere Singh, Bahadoors; Fakeer Noor-ood-deen; Misr Megh Raj, Toshakhaneea; Sirdars Uttar Singh, Kallawalla, and Muhtab Singh, Majeethia; Dewan Umur Nath, son of Rajah Deena Nath Bahadoor; Sirdar Hurdut Singh, Pudhanee; General Hurkookh Raie; Bawa Fakeer Buksh; Sirdar Shumshere Singh, Sindhanwallah; Kesra Singh, brother of Bhaie Nidhan Singh; Gossoon, Wuzer of the Rajah of Mundee; Sheikh Imam-ood-deen; Dewan Vaisakha Singh; Sirdar Autar Singh, son of Sirdar Chuttur Singh, Attareewallah, and Beerbur Misr Sahib Deel.

29th December.

Jairam, Moonshee of Misr Megh Raj, Toshakhaneea—Treasury returns. Sirdar Lehna Singh, Majeethia—complimentary. Raie Bhag

Singh, Vakeel to the Lahore Government—Durbar papers. Raie Mool Singh, Motmid of Rajah Tej Singh Bahadoor—private message. Lalla Bulloo Mull and Hyder Ally Khan, Motmids to the Alloowalla Sirkar—complimentary. Kazeer Mohkum-ood-deen, Vakeel of Maharajah Golab Singh Bahadoor—with letter from the Maharajah. Rajah Deena Nath Bahadoor—on revenue subjects. Misr Ummur Chund, the ex-Toshakhaneea—Treasury returns.

30th December.

Kazeer Mohkum-ood-deen, Vakeel of Maharajah Golab Singh Bahadoor—Cashmere affairs. Fakeer Shums-ood-deen—complimentary. Dewan Shunkur Nath—revenue returns. Gossoon, Wuzeer of the Rajah of Mundeer—regarding sum due by his master to Durbar. Raie Mool Singh, Motmid of Rajah Tej Singh Bahadoor—regarding his master's health, who is sick. Suddanund, news-writer—Akhbars. Jairam, Moonshee of Misr Megh Raj, Toshakhaneea—Treasury accounts. Saen Dass, Motmid of Rajah Shere Singh Bahadoor—complimentary. Raie Bhag Singh, Vakeel to the Lahore Government—Durbar papers.

31st December.

Dewan Umur Nath, son of Rajah Deena Nath Bahadoor—revenue papers. Munsub Raie, Vakeel of Sirdar Golab Singh, Pohoovindeeah—regarding his master's *jageer*. Mullik Allah Dad Khan, Kalabaghwalla, with his Vakeel—regarding his *jageer*. Saen Dass, Motmid of Rajah Shere Singh Bahadoor—complimentary. Beerbur Misr Sahib Deval—Customs Department returns. Raie Kishun Chund Bahadoor; Meean Shumshere Singh, and Bishun Singh, Jusrotawaleeah—complimentary.

1st January 1848.

Misr Megh Raj, Toshakhaneea—Treasury accounts. Raie Bhag Singh, Vakeel to the Lahore Government—Durbar papers. Raie Kishun Chund Bahadoor—complimentary. Pundit Sooraj Bhan, Commandant—regarding Police affairs. Lalla Khooshee Ram, Vakeel of Sirdar Lehna Singh; Fakeer Noor-ood-deen; Mohummud Osman Khan, ex-Wuzeer of

the late Shah Shooja-ool-moolk; Fakeer Shums-ood-deen, and Sirdar Golab Singh Attareewallah—complimentary.

2nd January.

Jalram, Moonabee of Mier Megh Raj, Toshakhanees—Treasury accounts. Suddanind, news-writer—Akhbars.

(Sd.) JOHN LAWRENCE,

Officiating Resident at Lahore.

**Political Diary of the Officiating Agent, Governor-General,
North-West Frontier, and Resident at Lahore, from the
2nd to the 8th January 1848 inclusive.**

SUMMARY OF PUNJAB INTELLIGENCE.

2nd January.

1. "It is reported that the Nazir of the *adalut* of Sirdar Kanh Singh, Man, having stolen a pair of golden bracelets from the property chest of the *adalut*, on being questioned as to the same by his master, gave 500 rupees, the price of the article, to the owner of the bracelets by way of a bribe to hush up the matter. The case is being investigated."

3rd January.

1. "Bukshce Bhuggut Ram being confronted with Bukshce Umreek Raie, who has had the drawing up of the former's accounts, the same are audited by Rajahs Deena Nath, Tej Singh, Shere Singh, etc. There being a strong feeling in the Durbar in favour of Bhuggut Ram his accounts would probably have been passed, had not Umreek Raie repeated his conviction that the former was still a debtor to the State in the amount of 4 lakhs of rupees. For the expenditure of this amount he adduces reasons more or less satisfactory why it should not have been entered in his accounts, but the upshot is that a reference must be made to me regarding them."

2. "A rumour is current that Khulleefa Noor-ood-deen wishes to make a pilgrimage to Mecca, after having divided his goods and chattels among his four sons and left a portion to his daughter."

4th January.

1. "A number of Cashmerees are said to have arrived in Lahore having been driven from their country by the high price of grain."

2. "Rajahs Tej Singh and Deena Nath hold a conversation on the state of Bunnoo, which they regard as being now brought under control by Lieutenant Edwardes, saying that it seems 'quite easy to the Sahab log.'"

3. "Bukhshee Bhuggut Ram begs his friends in the Durbar to make a favourable representation to me this afternoon on the state of his accounts, but they tell him that he must make a *bond fide* clearance of all arrears before they can do that."

4. "Sirdar Lehna Singh Majeethia's Vakeel reports that his master has gone on a pilgrimage to Nunkana Sahab."

5. "Copies of the code of criminal law are sent to all the *adaluts* with orders to abide by the same."

6. "An *urree* is received from the Kardar of Doodul stating that Sirdar Mungul Singh has (in contravention to the orders issued to him) appointed a Thanadar to his district."

7. "Lieutenant Pollock visits the Maharajah and afterwards conducts the Chiefs to Durbar at the Residency."

Rajah Deena Nath again enquires from me whether any letter has been received from Colonel Lawrence from Calcutta.

I enquire whether a map of London, which I sent to the Maharajah, has been received, and am told that His Highness was much pleased with it. I ask whether Rale Kishun Chund has communicated to the Durbar some opinions I had given him on the state of Bunnoo and am told that the Durbar agree with them. Rajah Deena Nath informs me that when Runjeet Singh went to Bunnoo in 1823 A.D. he deputed Prince Shere Singh, Jamadar Khooshal Singh, Mir Dewan Chund, etc., to look after the revenue, which they collected in that year to the amount of 34,793 rupees. I enquire if any plan has been suggested for the better protection of high roads throughout the country. Rale Kishun Chund replies that orders have been issued to all the *adaluts* to send in returns of the towns and villages on the roads within their respective

districts, after which some arrangements will be made. It appears also that the Pind Dadun Khan Dak Hurkarrah has been assaulted near that place."

5th January.

1. "Rajah Tej Singh holds a Durbar in his own house."

2. "Sirdar Kanh Singh, Man, brings up the case of the Fakeer who murdered his *Gooroo*, giving his opinion that the criminal should be hung, with which the Durbar coincides."

3. A representation is made that a slave girl, living within the jurisdiction of Sirdar Lall Singh, Morareea, has, together with a man with whom she absconded, been imprisoned by that *adulutee*. The matter having been first taken before Lieutenant Nicholson, and afterwards brought to me, I ordered that a reprimand be sent the *adulutee* in question, for not having acted conformably with the orders I previously issued regarding the personal liberty of such parties.

4. "Mir Ameer Chund is called on to give a bond for 1,40,000 rupees on account of the Pind Dadun Khan salt, due by him and his merchants, but he strives to make an arrangement regarding the paying of the same with Rajah Deena Nath, to which the latter does not agree, and finally the Rajah gets very angry with him."

5. "Sirdar Shumshere Singh, Sindhanwallah, represents that whereas the tax called 'Kumeeana' (levied on certain lower castes) yields the greatest part of the revenue collected in his *jageer*, the remission of the same will cause great loss to him. A reference to me is promised."

6. "Ruttun Chund, Doogul, is called to the Durbar to redeem his promise to furnish a bond, by which he will hold himself responsible entirely for all the liabilities of Dewan Moolraj of Pind Dadun Khan, including the sums due by his merchants, on condition of the said Dewan being released from the Fort of Govindgurh. This he gives."

7. "News of a robbery committed within the circuit of the Dera Baba Nanuk *adulut* having been received, a reprimand is addressed to the *adulutee* for his negligence in not bringing the parties to justice."

8. "Mr. Melvill visits the Maharajah."

9. "Dewan Kedar Nath, on returning to the Durbar from an interview with me, desires on my behalf that a meeting of the city Panches be convened, for the purpose of dissipating an idea of which many people are possessed, that the 'Sahab log' are in the habit of enticing natives into Soochet Singh's house and there making *moomeeyare* of them." (This is a process for distilling human fat by roasting a man over a slow fire, heels uppermost.)

10. "A proposition has been made in the Durbar to distribute the bullion found in Rajah Lall Singh's Toshakhana as pay to the troops."

6th January.

1. "Sirdar Kanb Singh, Man, brings to the Durbar the city Panches, who are told by Rajah Tej Singh, etc., to dispossess people of the idea that the Sahebs make *moomeeyare* of the natives, which they promise to endeavour to do."

2. "The Akhbar of Bunnoo, relating to the murder of a sentry by an Afghan, while the latter was trying to get access to Lieutenant Edwardes' tent, is received and read by the Durbar."

3. "A *roobakaree* is received from me on the subject of the management of the followers of the Maharajah who are located within the precincts of the Palace, where some acts of robbery have been committed recently, desiring that Rajah Shere Singh be instructed to follow my directions, sent previously regarding the same."

4. "Mir Rulla Ram presents himself at Durbar, having just arrived from Pind Dadun Khan."

5. "Another *roobakaree* of mine is read, asking the reason why my request for a return of the annual expenses of the Maharajah has not been complied with, calling for returns of the salaries and *jagheers* held by the heirs and successors of Maharajah Shere Singh, expressing my disagreement with Lieutenant Edwardes in regard to remitting the tax on pasture land in Bunnoo, and lastly enquiring as to the amount of revenue paid up by certain Kardars. Satisfactory answers are promised."

6. "On the Vakeel desiring that a *perwanah*, authorizing the repairs proposed for the Fort of Sheikhoopoorah be given, he is told that

the Kardar of that place had better be entrusted with the management of the same."

7. "A further matter of 3,369 tolas weight of gold are this day discovered in Rajah Lall Singh's Toshakhana."

8. "An Akhbar received from Mooltan announces the arrival of Dewan Moolraj there, and states that he had re-entered on his duties of Nazim, having given special orders to his people to treat with consideration all foreign merchants, from whom no tax is to be levied in future."

9. "The Vakeel tells the Durbar that I have expressed my surprise at the length of time consumed in disposing of the man who assaulted Rajah Deena Nath. This case is still in Sirdar Kanh Singh Man's hands for decision."

10. "It is reported that Bukshee Kunhya Lall, who has not been seen out of doors for the last two or three months, sickness being the supposed cause, is now quite well; that he spends his time in debauchery, and is very inattentive to his duty."

7th January.

1. "Rajah Tej Singh holds a Durbar at his own house, which is attended by some of the most influential Chiefs."

2. "Some Rohilla sepoy, who were sent on duty to Sealkote, have been guilty of a robbery in that place, in consequence of which the Kardar has sent them under a guard to Lahore."

3. "Rajah Deena Nath produces a bill drawn up by Bukshee Umreek Raie, showing a further balance of 5,18,000 rupees against Bukshee Bhuggut Ram's name."

4. "Some few Sirdars, among whom are Golab Singh, Attareewallah, and Muhtab Singh, Majeethia, return from a sporting excursion. As they have been absent for six days, and obtained leave for only two, the Maharajah tells them that they will not be granted leave a second time."

5. "The Kardar of Miteewal informs the Durbar that he has captured and brought to Lahore three persons convicted of slave-dealing in his *thaluk*. He is ordered to give them over in charge to Sirdar Kanh Singh, Man."

6. "Major Macgregor attends the Durbar for the purpose of hearing some cases."

8th January.

1. "A long conversation about and examination of the accounts of Bakshee Bhuggut Ram is held, Rajahs Deena Nath and Tej Singh taking a conspicuous part in the same. Some of the city bankers being called to prove an assertion made by Bakshee Umreek Raie regarding some money transactions of Bhuggut Ram's some time since, a sum of 11,000 rupees is found against the latter."

2. "The Durbar is informed that Major Macgregor and I visited Rajah Lall Singh's Toshakhana in the morning."

3. "Sirdar Lehna Singh, Majeethia, returns from his pilgrimage at Nunkana Sahib."

4. I attend the Durbar accompanied by three of my Assistants. Rajah Tej Singh requests me to hear Bakshee Bhuggut Ram's accounts read. I promise to do so on Tuesday next. Rajah Deena Nath applies for my sanction to the family of the late Dewan Kirpa Ram going to Benares, which I accord. A lengthened conversation then ensues regarding *batta* being granted to Sirdar Lall Singh, Morareea, and his servants, a petition for the same having been preferred by the latter. This question is to be settled hereafter. Rajah Tej Singh applies to me for leave to Sirdar Nihal Singh to visit Benares, but as he is now on service with General Cortlandt, I refuse to sanction it. I express my surprise that the promised certificate and acquittance in full to Sirdar Lehna Singh, Majeethia, has not yet been granted to him; and desire that no more delay occur. Information having been received that a quantity of old coin has been paid into the Pind Dadun Khan Treasury for recoinage, which has never been acknowledged by the Mint Master, I desire that a receipt for the same be demanded, with orders to send in a second receipt for the amount of new coin produced from the same, whenever it shall be finished. I advise that the gold and silver bullion discovered in Rajah Lall Singh's Treasury be appropriated for payment to the troops. Rajah Deena Nath suggests that it might be employed in defraying the debt due to the British by the Sikh Government.

5. The following documents are enclosed:—

No. 1.—Lieutenant Edwardes' Diary No. 14, dated 24th-25th ultimo.

No. 2.—Lieutenant Taylor's Peshawur Diary from 19th to 25th ultimo.

No. 3.—Mr. Bowring's Diary No. 7 from ditto to ditto.

No. 4.—Captain Abbott's Boundary Journal from 5th to 29th ultimo.

No. 5.—Lieutenant Taylor's diary of a march from Peshawur to Bunnoo with a Brigade of Sikh Troops *vid* Kohat and the Khurruk Pass from 19th November to 8th December 1847, with sketch map of route.

Nos. 6 to 8.—Lieutenant Edwardes' Diaries Nos. 15, 16 and 17 from 26th to 31st ultimo.

Nos. 9 and 10.—Lieutenant Nicholson's Diaries from 19th December to 1st January 1848.

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VISITS PAID AND RECEIVED.

3rd January.

Jairam, Moonshee of Mir Megh Raj, Toshkhaneea—Treasury returns. Suddanund, news-writer—Akhbars. Raie Bhag Singh, Vakeel to the Lahore Government—Durbar papers. Sirdar Uttar Singh, Kalawallah—with Irregular Troops' returns. Fakcer Noor-ood-deen—complimentary. Kanh Singh, Vakeel of Sirdar Ram Singh, Jullawalleeah—regarding his master's affairs. Gosaoon, Wuzeer of the Rajah of Mundee—complimentary. Raie Kishun Chund Bahadoor—Durbar returns. Hyder Ally Khan, Motmid of the Sirkar Alloowallah—complimentary.

4th January.

Rajah Shere Singh Bahadoor—complimentary. Jairam, Moonshee of Mir Megh Raj, Toshkhaneea—Treasury accounts. Lalla Khooshee Ram, Vakeel of Sirdar Lehna Singh—private message. Sirdar Uttar Singh, Kalawallah—Irregular Horse reduction. Raie Bhag Singh, Vakeel to the Lahore Government—Durbar papers. Hyder Ally Khan, Motmid to the Alloowallah Sirkar—with papers from his Sirdar.

Public Darbar—Rajahs Tej Singh and Deena Nath Bahadoors; Raie Kishun Chund Bahadoor; Bhale Nidhan Singh; Sirdar Shumshere Singh,

Sindhanwallah ; Ruttun Chund, Doogul ; Fakeer Noor-ood-deen ; Kehur Singh, Sindhanwallah ; Fakeer Zahoor-ood-deen ; and Ruttun Chund with the long beard.

5th January.

Suddanund, news-writer—Akhbars. Beerbur Misr Saheb Deaal—customs returns. Dewan Kidar Nath—revenue returns. Raie Bhag Singh, Vakeel to the Lahore Government—Durbar papers. Gossoon, Wuzeer of the Rajah of Mundee, and Raie Kishun Chund Bahadoor—complimentary.

6th January.

Suddanund, news-writer—Akhbars. Raie Bhag Singh, Vakeel to the Lahore Government—Durbar papers. Pundit Shunkur Nath, Daffutree—revenue papers. Jairam, Moonshee of Misr Megh Raj, Toshakhaneea—Treasury reports.

7th January.

Jairam, Moonshee of Misr Megh Raj, Toshakhaneea—Treasury accounts. Raie Bhag Singh, Vakeel to the Lahore Government—Durbar papers. Raie Kishun Chund Bahadoor ; Sheikh Imam-ood-deen, and Fuzul Dad Khan, son of Rajah Faiz Tullub Khan—complimentary. Suddanund, news-writer—Akhbars.

8th January.

Lalla Khooshee Ram, Vakeel of Sirdar Lehna Singh—criminal papers. Luchmun Singh, Motinid of Rajah Deena Nath—complimentary. Raie Bhag Singh, Vakeel to the Lahore Government—Durbar papers. Beerbur Misr Rulla Ram and Saheb Deaal—customs returns. Saen Dass, Motinid of Rajah Shere Singh—Durbar papers. Sirdar Golab Singh, Attareewallah, and Fakeer Shums-ood-deen—complimentary. Jairam, Moonshee of Misr Megh Raj, Toshakhaneea—Treasury returns.

9th January.

Jairam, Moonshee of Misr Megh Raj, Toshakhaneea—Treasury accounts. Raie Bhag Singh, Vakeel to the Lahore Government—Durbar papers.

(Sd.) JOHN LAWRENCE,

Officiating Resident at Lahore.

Political Diary of the Officiating Agent, Governor-General,
North-West Frontier, and Resident at Lahore, from
the 9th to the 15th January 1848.

SUMMARY OF PUNJAB INTELLIGENCE.

9th January.

1. "Rajah Tej Singh holds Durbar in his own house." This is owing to sickness.

2. A *roohaharree* is received from me in reply to one from the Durbar requesting me to commute the sentence of 5 years' imprisonment passed on one Kurram Singh, convicted of murdering his wife on the suspicion of infidelity, to a fine of 500 rupees, which is not complied with.

3. "It having been discovered from the Akhbars that Chunda Singh, Adaltee, had decided a case in which a Ghilzee had run off with a daughter of one Mahomed Belooch by way of repaying himself for a debt of 3 rupees incurred by the latter's wife, an order is sent him from the Durbar to obtain the release of the complainant's daughter and see to the payment of the debt."

4. "The Sheikhoopoorah Akhbar states that the Maharanee has sent to Lahore for a goldsmith, named Pindée. The Treasurer is accordingly ordered to send him to Her Highness."

5. "The Durbar Vakeel writes a remonstrance to Sirdar Lall Singh, Morarree, in that he has appointed by his own authority a person to occupy the post of *adaltee* at Pind Dadun Khan."

6. "A bawd, by name Gootoo, petitions the Durbar to recover one of her slave-girls named 'Heera' from Sirdar Ibraheem Khan, son of Sirdar Sooltan Mahomed Khan, who is about to carry her off to Peshawur. Orders are given to send the city *adaltee's* *chuprassies* to restore the slave-girl to her mistress."

7. "Four months' pay is ordered to be distributed to the sowars on service in Bunnoo and Pancha Saheb."

8. "A number of *perwanahs* are issued to various Kardars ordering the resumption of certain possessions held in *jageer* in their *ilakhs* by Sirdar Lehna Singh, Majeethia."

9. "Rajah Tej Singh addresses the Durbar to the effect that he wishes to visit Umritsur for a few days."

10. "Ibraheem Khan, son of Sirdar Sooltan Mahomed Khan comes to the Durbar and strongly objects to the proceedings taken to recover the slave-girl Heera from his house, with whom, he says, he has contracted a marriage, and the consequent wounding of his honour. Orders are given not to punish Heera, with instructions that all the parties present themselves to-morrow."

10th January.

1. "Durbar is held in Rajah Tej Singh's house."

2. "A number of the prostitutes of the city having presented themselves as ordered yesterday, the Chiefs adjourn to the fort. There, the chief party, Gootoo, states her claim to recovery of the slave-girl Heera, who had taken up her permanent abode with Sirdar Ibraheem Khan, founding the same on prescriptive right. On this the Rajah refers to the Treaty to see whether this right is still existent in regard to the relations with the British, and finds written that the ancient customs of the Government of the Punjab shall remain intact, which would seem to decide the matter; but the *adulutee*, conceiving the case to be one of pure oppression against Gootoo, requests that the depositions of both parties be taken. This is accordingly done; the statements made yesterday being confirmed and further facts elicited." The case is eventually referred to me for decision.

3. "Sirdar Nahir Singh, Attareewallah, reports that he has captured his servant and his brother, who murdered one of his slave-girls on a journey on account of her jewels. The criminals are consigned to the care of the *adulutee*."

4. "Further notices are sent to all Government officers, etc., etc., strictly prohibiting any one from temporarily leaving his post, on any pretence whatever."

5. "Sirdar Lehna Singh, Majeethia, invites all the Sirdars to his house to witness an exhibition of dissolving views."

6. "The Vakeel of General Cortlandt is ordered to desire his master to send down a guard of sepoy to Girang to escort treasure"

coming from the Nazim of Mooltan, to the extent of 1,75,000 rupees, which is to be employed in paying the Bunnoo force."

7. "One Meean Lal Singh represents that his *jagter*, which formerly yielded 1,900 rupees yearly, has been reduced by an assessment to 1,200 rupees. Sirdar Uttur Singh, Kalawalla, states that his zemindars also want a settlement, and that the whole country will shortly be clamorous for one."

8. "My orders in the case of Gootoo *versus* Heera, slave-girl, are received. It is that the slave-girl be allowed to go wherever she pleases. Gootoo afterwards complains to the Durbar that Heera has gone off with Sirdar Ibraheem Khan, on which she is promised that I shall be further spoken to on the subject."

11th January.

1. "A *roobakaree* of mine is received which animadverts on the proceedings of the city *adalut* in the case of the slave-girl, whom it was attempted to bring back without her consent to her mistress. The *adalut* is threatened with dismissal should he again show such disregard to the law."

2. "This being the festival of the *Laher*, the Vakeel is ordered to request me to postpone the usual Durbar."

3. "It having been reported that officers were in the habit of shooting pellets at people passing by the 'Aloowallee house,' the Vakeel requests that a *perwanah* may be sent to the *adalut* to keep his Policemen on the look out and to report on the same." I have written to Brigadier Campbell on this subject, requesting him to take measures to prevent anything of the kind occurring again.

4. "The Durbar is informed by the Kotwal that Major Macgregor superintended the execution of the Fakeer convicted of murdering his *gooroo* this morning."

5. "The Treasurer represents that a quantity of old coin, going to Umritsur for recoinage under the charge of one of his own Shroffs, was robbed on the road, the bags of the coin having been pilfered of each a few rupees (*sic*), to the extent of 1,400 rupees. Treasure is in future to be conveyed in tumbrils."

6. "Sirdar Golab Singh, Pohoovindeeah, is entrusted to recover quickly the debts of Sultan Mahomed Khan and Saiyud Mahomed Khan, amounting to 30,245 rupees."

7. "Some person having affixed a bill on Rajah Tej Singh's doorway with the words 'I wish to serve the State', it is replaced by the reply 'by all means.'"

12th January.

1. "Rajah Tej Singh, talking over the good fortune of the Government in discovering Rajah Lal Singh's Toshakhana, gives his opinion that he (Lal Singh) might as well have made known the same, and thus by paying the demands of the British have saved the confiscation of Cashmere."

2. The Sheikhoopoor Akhtar mentions that an offering of food (*pershad*) had arrived from Nunkanah Sahib for the Maharanee."

3. My chief news-writer informs me that the Durbar have shown great dissatisfaction at my decision in the case of the slave-girl 'Heera,' and also at the diminution effected among the Moonshees and Mootsuddies, etc.

13th January.

1. In company with Major Macgregor and Mr. Inglis I visit the Treasurer's Toshakhana for the purpose of inspecting the property moved there from that of Rajah Lal Singh.

2. "A *roobakaree* is received from me stating that as I have been informed that a series of forays and reprisals have lately taken place between some Beloochees of Mooltan and their neighbours of Bhawalpore, it would be advisable to write to the Nazim of Mooltan with instructions to recover as much of the plundered property as possible and to make a severe example of the aggressors."

3. "A letter to Maharajah Golab Singh, bearing the seal of Meean Keeman, Khidmutgar to Maharajah Dhuleep Singh, and detailing the unsoundness of the 'Government' and the perfidy of the Durbar, having been intercepted, is produced at Durbar. Raie Kishun Chund having a *bona fide* letter from Keeman by him, the seal of each is compared. It is generally thought that the whole is a fabrication, but it will be investigated." This was a forgery.

4. "A *perwanah* is addressed to Futteh Deen Khan, Commandant of Artillery at Pancha Sahib, recalling him to Lahore in consequence of his having gone to Salyceewal without permission."

5. "The concealment of property in his Toshakhana by Rajah Lal Singh is again the subject of conversation in the Durbar. They say his object evidently was to provide for the evil day, when he could go off with the Rancee; at the same time it seems to be a matter of much regret that the secret was not divulged before, and the country of Cashmere, etc., saved from the hands of Golab Singh and its inhabitants from oppression."

6. "Cold and fever are said to be prevalent in the city."

7. "A petition is received from Rancee Bhooree, one of the wives of Runjeet Singh, asking for a pass for one of her slave-girls to Mubarikpore." This is to be sent to me.

8. "A bond is taken from Mier Umeer Chund, by which he promises to make good to Government, within two-and-a-half months, all sums due on account of salt by himself or merchants."

9. The Vakeel again, at my desire, enquires as to whether the case of the man who assaulted Rajah Deena Nath has been investigated.

10. "Rajah Deena Nath returns to the Durbar after an interview with me; he informs them that I have affixed my signature to the *perwanah* granting leave, etc., to Sirdar Lehna Singh, Majeethia."

14th January.

1. "Rajahs Tej Singh, Deena Nath, etc., etc., visit the Government Toshakhana, where they superintend the assortment of property removed from that of Rajah Lal Singh, and give orders regarding its disposal."

2. "The Vakeel is ordered to obtain my sanction to the grant of a valuable *khillut* to Sirdar Lehna Singh, Majeethia, on the occasion of his departing to Benares."

3. "Rae Kishun Chund applies for leave of absence to visit his home. A complimentary document referring to his past services is given him, together with the permission requested."

4. "Sirdar Lehna Singh, Majeethia, comes to the Durbar and takes leave of the Maharajah and Chiefs. He expresses his hope that he may

not be forgotten. No *khillut* is given him then, as my sanction to the same had not been received, but this arriving shortly after, the *khillut* is ordered to be sent after the Sirdar."

5. "The Vakeel informs the Durbar that it is my desire that Sirdar Lehna Singh Majethia's *jagier*, which has been resumed, be assessed, and that the Durbar send some person to co-operate with the Sirdar in the same during his stay at Umritsur."

6. "Major Macgregor attends the Durbar for the purpose of hearing some cases."

7. "Rajah Tej Singh has effected a new arrangement for the internal management of the fort, by which a close observation of all persons passing in and out will be practised."

15th January.

1. "The Maharajah complains to a number of people about him and amongst them to Sirdar Golab Singh, Attareewallah, and Fakeer Zahoor-ood-deen, his instructor, that he is *too hardly worked*. He says he cannot devote himself too much to study for he feels it irksome. The usual description of consolatory replies is made and a promise given to refer the matter to the Durbar and then to me, which is done."

2. "Keeman, Khidmutgar to the Maharajah, is questioned regarding the letter addressed to Maharajah Golab Singh bearing his signature. He denies all knowledge of the same and adduces in support of his assertions the fact of his good services and of their recognition by Colonel Lawrence, who raised his pay. He is acquitted of all blame by the Durbar."

3. "A discussion regarding the accounts of Buxshee Bhuggut Ram is held, the termination of which is that the Buxshee gives a bond for 1,27,000 rupees due by himself and 1,56,610 rupees due by various Kardars, Sirdars and officers, to the collection of which he pledges his responsibility."

4. "News from Sheikhoopoor mentions that the Maharanee distributed property and money to the extent of 2,000 rupees on the festival of the *Shunkeral* to Brahmins, and that she received a visit from Goordut Singh, the Motmid of Sirdar Heera Singh. It is said that

Her Highness enquired more particularly about her brother's expenses, and that on hearing these were heavy, she wrote him a letter of advice to study economy."

5. "*Perwanahs* are circulated among the zemindars whose lands border on the royal canal, prohibiting them from conducting its water to their own lands, it being required for the Shalimar and other Government gardens."

6. Accompanied by four of my Assistants, I attend Durbar in the fort. The Vakeel presents me with a revised plan for regulating the studies of the Maharajah, considerably diminishing them, to which I give my approval. I then enquire about Bakshee Bhuggut Ram's accounts, for the auditing of which we had come to Durbar earlier than usual. After hearing them read I am informed of the bonds taken from him for 1,27,000 rupees and 1,56,610 rupees due by himself and various Sirdars and Kardars respectively; but there is a further sum of 1,32,000 rupees, which is said to have been credited to him on account of the plunder of the Treasury, when Maharajah Shere Singh ascended the throne, and this the Durbar wish to pass by. I suggest that he ought to have mentioned the fact of the deficit at the time the Treasury was plundered, and not a considerable time after, which he did. A further conversation ensues, but no conclusion is arrived at. I desire that further orders be issued to the zemindars of the Baree Doab, who have not yet come in for their assessments, to lose no time in doing so.

I inform the Durbar that Lieutenant Lake has been appointed to Jullunder, but say that he will be able to finish the settlement of Turun Tarun before leaving the Punjab. After this is done a *jageer* of 10,000 rupees can be given in it to Sirdar Uttur Singh, Kalawalla, in exchange for his own *jageer*. Mistr Sahib Deaal informs me that none of the salt, on the sale of which he relied to meet his responsibilities for the customs, has found a market, and requests that he may be allowed to dispose of it on the other side of the Beas and Sutlej. Permission to do this is granted.

7. "Pundit Shunkur Nath represents that I had given him a decided order to get in returns of the *ilakahs* of the Manjah from which to make an assessment. Some of the Durbar reply that the new settlement will cause considerable loss to the Government."

8. The following documents are enclosed :—

No. 1.—Lieutenant Taylor's Peshawur Diary from 26th ultimo to 1st instant.

No. 2.—Mr. Bowring's Diary from 26th to 31st ultimo.

Nos. 3 and 4.—Lieutenant Edwardes' Diaries Nos. 18 and 19 from 1st to 4th instant.

No. 5.—Mr. Cock's ditto from 1st to 9th ditto.

No. 6.—Lieutenant Taylor's ditto from 2nd to 8th ditto.

Nos. 7 and 8.—Lieutenant Edwardes' ditto Nos. 21 and 22 from 5th to 8th ditto.

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VISITS PAID AND RECEIVED.

10th January.

Sirdars Golab Singh Attareewallah, and Autar Singh ; Shahzadas Sooltan Aulum, Sooltan Udhum and Sooltan Jummal, and Fakeer Noorood-deen—complimentary. Saen Dass, Motmid of Rajah Shere Singh—private message. Sirdar Khoosheal Singh, Moorareca—complimentary. Raie Bhag Singh, Vakeel to the Lahore Government—Durbar papers. Gosatoon, Wuzeer of the Rajah of Mundee—with message from the Rajah. Hyder Ally Khan, Motmid to the Alloowallah Sirkar—ditto.

11th January.

Jairam, Moonshee of Misr Megh Raj, Toshakhaneca—Treasury accounts. Suddanund, news-writer—Akhbars. Raie Bhag Singh, Vakeel to the Lahore Government—Durbar returns. Pundit Shunkur Nath, Dufuree—revenue returns. Hyder Ally Khan, Motmid to the Alloowallah Sirkar, with his son Mahomed Ally, and Saen Dass, Vakeel of Rajah Shere Singh—private message. Mahomed Osman Khan, the ex-Wuzeer of the late Shah Shooja-ool-Moolk, and Mullik Allayar Khan, Kalabaghwallah—complimentary.

12th January.

Jairam, Moonshee of Mir Megh Raj, Toshakhaneea—Treasury returns. Suddanund, news-writer—Akhbars. Beerbur Mir Sahib Deel—customs returns. Ruttun Chund, Doogul—private conference. Raie Bhag Singh, Vakeel to the Lahore Government—Durbar papers.

13th January.

Jairam, Moonshee of Mir Megh Raj, Toshakhaneea—Treasury returns. Raie Bhag Singh, Vakeel to the Lahore Government, and Fakeer Noor-ood-deen—complimentary. Lalla Khooshee Ram, Vakeel of Sirdar Lehna Singh—judicial reports. Rajah Deena Nath Bahadoor—revenue matters.

14th January.

Sirdar Uttar Singh, Kalawallah—Irregular Troops. Sirdar Lehna Singh with his Vakeel—to take leave. Jairam, Moonshee of Mir Megh Raj, Toshakhaneea—Treasury accounts. Suddanund, news-writer—Akhbars. Hyder Ally Khan, Motmid to the Alloowallah Sirkar—private message. Raie Bhag Singh, Vakeel to the Lahore Government—Durbar papers. Asanund, Vakeel of the Nazim of Mooltan—with letter from his master. Fakeer Shums-ood-deen—complimentary. Raie Mool Singh, Motmid of Rajah Tej Singh—with returns of Regular Troops.

15th January.

Sheikh Imam-ood-deen, and Lalla Ruttun Chund with the long beard—complimentary. Suddanund, news-writer—Akhbars. Raie Bhag Singh, Vakeel to the Lahore Government—Durbar papers. Pundit Shunkur Nath, Duffuree—revenue returns. Jairam, Moonshee of Mir Megh Raj, Toshakhaneea—Treasury returns.

16th January.

Jairam, Moonshee of Mir Megh Raj, Toshakhaneea—Treasury returns. Suddanund, news-writer—Akhbars.

(Sd.) JOHN LAWRENCE,

Officiating Resident at Lahore.

Political Diary of the Officiating Agent, Governor-General,
North-West Frontier, and Resident at Lahore, from
the 16th to the 22nd January 1848.

SUMMARY OF PUNJAB INTELLIGENCE.

16th January.

1. "Raie Kishun Chund pays a farewell visit to each of the Sirdars at their respective houses."

17th January.

1. "A petition is received from Baba Luchmun Singh describing an *inculte* at Umritsur between the Soomees and Sheeahs and stating that he had seized a couple of the rioters. He is told in reply to send further details."

2. "A second letter is received from Baba Luchmun Singh mentioning that a Fakeer, with 7 or 8 horsemen, had taken up his abode in Umritsur for the purpose of creating a disturbance, and promising that immediate steps should be taken for their removal."

3. "An Akhbar received from Delhi states that Prema and his fellow conspirators had arrived in that place for the purpose of undergoing the sentence of imprisonment passed on them; further mentioning that some of their relations had complained to the District Officer that the sentence was unjust, it having been prompted by feelings of animosity on the part of Tej Singh."

4. "Conformably with instructions sent by me, Baba Luchmun Singh is ordered to send the Fakeer above-mentioned to the Umritsur *adalat*, where, in case of his being unable to account for his coming into the city armed, he is to be called on to find bail of 100 rupees or, failing to do so, be placed under arrest."

5. I go to the Race-course for the purpose of inspecting the Government elephant stud.

6. The Vakeel, as instructed by me, invites the Maharajah to witness a review of British troops, fixed for to-morrow morning.

7. "Mr. Melvill accompanies Lords Gifford and W. Hay to the palace."

18th January.

1. "The Maharajah, accompanied by most of the principal Chiefs, is present at the review on the Race-course."

2. "An Akhbar received from Unrisur notices that Baba Luchmun Singh has imprisoned some more Moosulmans engaged in the late disturbance."

3. "Raja Kishun Chund takes leave of the Maharajah in open Durbar, he having been granted leave of absence to visit his home."

4. General Littler, I, and my Assistants attend the Durbar; it having been arranged that we should go to the fort to-day, contrary to custom, in order to allow General Littler to pay a farewell visit to the Maharajah. Rajahs Tej Singh and Deena Nath pass their eulogies on the General, mentioning particularly that no cause of complaint has arisen against the European soldiers in their communications with the natives.

Rajah Deena Nath requests my permission for a *khillat* to Raja Kishun Chund. I tell him that it is quite unnecessary in this case, as in all others where the party is only to be absent for a time. A large *khillat* is then presented to General Littler, after which Rajah Tej Singh begs my sanction to the inditing of a letter of thanks for the General's services to the Governor-General; this I assent to. I desire that the Durbar name some man of good character who shall fill the post of Kardar at Bunnoo, pointing out the necessity of a good man in that place. I congratulate the Durbar on the success of the new postal arrangements during the first month, 4,000 letters having passed through the Post Office, and express my anticipations that the expenditure eventually will be covered by the receipts.

5. "The Treasurer reports that he has already paid into the British Treasury bullion to the amount of $1\frac{1}{2}$ lakh rupees, and that he will daily pay in as much as he can."

19th January.

1. "Rajahs Tej Singh, Deena Nath, and Shere Singh, etc., etc., visit General Littler in his own house for the purpose of taking leave of him."

2. "The Treasurer reports a further payment of upwards of 30,000 golden coins into the English Treasury."

3. "Information is received that a number of Cashmerees, Moosulmans, etc., have arrived in Lahore from Umritsur. Kazeo Mohkumood-deen, the Agent of Maharajah Golab Singh, also arrives at Lahore to-day.

20th January.

1. "A letter is received from Baba Luchmun Singh, enclosing the whole case of the *fenue* at Umritsur between the Soonees and Sheeahs." This is directed to be sent to me for final orders.

2. "Sirdar Kanh Singh, Man, intimates to the Durbar that last night nearly 4,000 Moosulmans arrived from Umritsur."

3. "A number of zemindars of Goojerat, who complained to me against their Kardar, are referred to Rajah Deena Nath for redress, who writes a *permanah* to the Kardar condemning his conduct and ordering him to abide by the orders he receives."

4. "Conformably with written instructions from me, circulars are issued by the Durbar having relation to the law of adultery, which is that any man who actually detects his wife in the act of adultery will not be punished for slaying her, but that to kill her under any other circumstance is murder and is punishable by death."

5. My chief news-writer informs me that the number of Moosulmans already arrived from Umritsur to prefer their complaints amounts to 5,000 or 6,000, and that they are living in a most wretched state in the city.

21st January.

1. "A *roobakaree* is received from me advising the discharge of a troop of 24 sowars under one Rajah Rugbeer Deo of Jummo, the Rajah himself retaining his *jageer*. Orders to this effect are immediately given."

2. "Another *roobakaree* of mine is read, which suggests that the rates of pay and *jageer* enjoyed by two Goorchurra officers, Dewans Dervee Sahaie and Gunput Rale, which were much augmented by Rajahs Heera and Lal Singh, be reduced to the standard that obtained under Runjeet Singh."

3. "A third *roobakaree* of mine arrives calling for returns of all the Government officials employed in the country of Huzara, it being desirable that a reduction of them should be effected, Captain Abbott having sent a statement showing the expenses of management to be very great."

4. "Rajah Deena Nath visits me privately."

5. "Major Macgregor attends Durbar for the purpose of hearing some cases."

6. "My chief news-writer states that the astrologers declare that in the month of April or May a spontaneous rebellion will arise in the west."

7. "I inspect some of the Government cattle on the Race-course."

22nd January.

1. "A *roobakaree* is received from Major Macgregor recommending that Khoda Buksh, the ex-Kotwal of the city, be succeeded by Ram Narain."

2. "Rajah Tej Singh, talking to Vakeel Kooshee Ram, says that on no occasion since the empire of the Sikhs has there been an *imense* between the Soonees and Shereahs of the Punjab, and they attribute the cause of so many of them coming to Lahore to the imprudent measures taken by Baba Luchmun Singh to put them down."

3. "The Durbar allude to the arrangements made by Mier Sahib Deel for his son's marriage, which they say will cost nearly 30,000 rupees."

4. Accompanied by my Assistants I attend the Durbar. Mier Sahib Deel pays in 25,000 rupees, the instalment for the month of *Poh*, on account of the farming of the salt. I desire that the sowars at Rawul Pindie be replaced by those who are now at Lahore undergoing inspection, care being taken not to send away any of them without some officer. I affix my signature to several *perwanahs*, among them to one addressed to the Kardar of Goojerat, ordering him on no account to demand the tax called *kumrcana* (levied on the lower castes), and to remit anything he may have taken on this account from the people since the last crop. On enquiring as to what arrangement has been

made for collecting the sums due by Mistr Ameer Chund's merchants on account of salt, I am told that a respectable person with a guard of sepoy's has been sent to make good the same from the merchants.

5. The following documents are enclosed :—

No. 1.—Mr. Bowring's Diary from 1st to 7th instant.

No. 2.—Lieutenant Nicholson's ditto from 2nd to 8th instant.

Nos. 3 and 4.—Lieutenant Edwardes' ditto from 9th to 12th ditto.

No. 5.—Mr. Bowring's ditto from 8th to 11th instant.

No. 6.—Mr. Cock's ditto from 9th to 16th ditto.

No. 7.—Lieutenant Taylor's Peshawur Diary from 9th to 15th instant.

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VISITS PAID AND RECEIVED.

17th January.

Jairam, Moonshee of Mistr Megh Raj, Toshakhanees—Treasury returns. Suddanund, news-writer, Akhhars. Raie Bhag Singh, Vakeel to the Lahore Government—Durbar returns. Fakeer Noor-ood-deen—complimentary. Raie Kishun Chund Bahadoor—to take leave. Lalla Khooshee Ram, Vakeel of Sirdar Lehna Singh—judicial papers.

18th January.

Jairam, Moonshee of Mistr Megh Raj, Toshakhanees—Treasury accounts. Suddanund, news-writer—Akhhars. Sirdar Uttur Singh, Kalawalla—complimentary. Shunkur Nath, Duffuree—revenue returns. Jairam, Moonshee of Mistr Megh Raj, Toshakhanees—Treasury accounts. Raie Bhag Singh, Vakeel to the Lahore Government—Durbar papers.

20th January.

Jairam, Moonshee of Mistr Megh Raj, Toshakhanees—Treasury returns. Raie Bhag Singh, Vakeel to the Lahore Government—Durbar papers. Rajah Shere Singh Bahadoor—complimentary. Lalla Khooshee Ram, Vakeel of Sirdar Lehna Singh—judicial returns. Mahomed Osman Khan, the ex-Wuzzeer of His Highness the late Shah Shooja-ool-moolk—complimentary. Kazeer Mohkam-ood-deen, Vakeel of Maharajah Golab Singh—Cashmere matters. Gunga Ram and Sheodiyal, together with the Nootsuddies of Modeekhana—customs.

21st January.

Jairam, Moonshee of Mier Meg Raj, Toshakhancea—Treasury accounts. Suddanund, news-writer—Akhbars. Raie Bhag Singh, Vakeel to the Lahore Government—Durbar papers. Ruttun Chund, Doogul—private matters. Hakeem Moostuffa Shah, servant to the Lahore Government—complimentary. Saen Dass, Motmid of Rajah Shere Singh—private message. Rajah Deena Nath Bahadoor—revenue matters. Sheikh Imam-ood-deen—complimentary.

22nd January.

Kazee Mohkum-ood-deen, Vakeel of Maharajah Golab Singh—with letters from Cashmere. Raie Mool Singh, Motmid of Rajah Tej Singh—private message. Raie Bhag Singh, Vakeel to the Lahore Government—Durbar papers. Suddanund, news-writer—Akhbars. Sirdar Golab Singh, Attareewallah, and Fakeer Shums-ood-deen—complimentary.

23rd January.

Jairam, Moonshee of Mier Megh Raj, Toshakhancea—Treasury papers.

(Sd.) JOHN LAWRENCE,

Officiating Resident.

**Political Diary of the Officiating Agent, Governor-General,
North-West Frontier, and Resident at Lahore, from
the 23rd to the 29th January 1848.**

SUMMARY OF PUNJAB INTELLIGENCE.

23rd January.

1. "The number of Moosulmans who have come to Lahore from Umritsur being very great and refusing to go back, Rajah Tej Singh sends a Jemadar to the Vuzerece Musjid, where they have established themselves, to select seven persons from amongst them who shall remain in Lahore till their dispute is adjusted and to induce the remainder to return to their homes."

2. "The sum of 3 lakhs of rupees, half in coin and half in bills, arrives from the Nazim of Mooltan, being the instalment due for the last autumnal crop."

3. "The promissory notes obtained from certain of Dewan Moolraj's salt merchants are entrusted to Moonshee Ruttun Chund, Doogul, and two others, who are directed to realize their amounts in the respective districts assigned to them."

4. "The Kotwal reports an increasing influx of Sheeahs and Soonees from Umritsur, the latter of whom attempt to excite their brethren at Lahore to turbulence. The Soonees also of Butala are supposed to have joined the Umritsur Soonees on their way to Lahore."

24th January.

1. I visit Rajah Tej Singh in his own house this morning.

2. "Agreeably to my orders the Vakeel desires that a full Durbar be convened this afternoon for the purpose of again inspecting Bukshee Bhuggut Ram's accounts; orders are issued accordingly."

3. "It having been reported that the Agents, entrusted with the delivery of their pensions to the Ladwa Ranees, had embezzled a portion, Baba Luchmun Singh is ordered to investigate the charge and report."

4. "*Perwanahs* are addressed to all the provincial *adaltees* ordering them to assist Moonshee Ruttun Chund, Doogul, and Bukshee Ram Singh in collecting the amounts of the bills of Dewan Moolraj's salt merchants."

5. "As directed, the Durbar convene for the purpose of settling Bukshee Bhuggut Ram's accounts. A long debate ensues, the termination of which is that nearly all the persons assembled affix their seals to his accounts, thereby vouching for their belief in their accuracy, except Bukshee Umreek Raie, who denies their correctness. Bukshee Bhuggut Ram himself gives a bond binding himself to pay a fine of 1-4-0 rupees for every rupee that may be found incorrect."

6. "Lieutenant Pollock visits the Maharajah."

7. "In company with Major Macgregor and Mr. Vans Agnew I visit the house of Mistr Sahab Deel, it being the occasion of his son's marriage. A few presents are received and given by us."

8. "A present of 1,000 rupees is sent by the Maharajah to Mir Sahib Decal; also smaller sums of 100 rupees each by the Chief Sirdars."

25th January.

1. "A *perwanah* is addressed to General Cortlandt desiring him to continue to send in a fortnightly statement of the incomings of the Dera Ismael Khan Treasury."

2. At about 8 o'clock in the evening information is received of an *émeute* among the prisoners at the gaol. Major Macgregor immediately hastens to the spot and discovers that a general rush had been made to the door by the prisoners, who were, by some mismanagement, allowed to cook their dinners all together; that several had escaped, but that of the rest two men were killed and a number wounded by the guard. Sirdar Kanb Singh, Man, the city *adaluttee*, showed promptitude in his attendance at the gaol.

26th January.

1. Early in the morning I go down to the gaol with Major Macgregor and Doctor Hathaway. I enquire as to the circumstances of the outbreak and order a muster to be taken of the prisoners, to discover the names of those missing. Kanb Singh, the *adaluttee*, also being there, I take the opportunity of praising him for his alacrity yesterday evening. Rajah Tej Singh shortly after visits the gaol.

2. "Mir Megh Raj, the Treasurer, reports a balance in the Motee Munder and Government Toshakhana of 2,57,614 rupees, and states that he has paid in bullion into the British Treasury to the amount of nearly 7 lakhs rupees."

3. "An Akhbar is received from Bunnoo: it details Lieutenant Edwardes' proceedings with regard to the building of the new fort and town and the government of the country generally, which is described as progressing most favourably."

4. "Conformably with my wishes delivered to the Durbar by the Vakeel, proclamations are issued offering a reward of 200 rupees for the capture of any of the fugitives from the gaol, sentenced to imprisonment for life, of 100 rupees for the capture of any sentenced to 21 years, ditto, and of Rs. 50 for all sentenced to a less period."

5. "Mr. Inglis attends the Durbar."

6. "Lieutenant Pollock afterwards visits the Maharajah for the purpose of reading with him, but owing to the slight indisposition of His Highness does not remain as usual."

7. "A report is made that a receipt for the sum of 50,000 rupees supposed to have been paid by the Maharanee towards defraying Rajah Lal Singh's expenses addressed to Her Highness has been intercepted on its road to Sheikhoopora. It is said that Her Highness denies all knowledge of it."

8. "There is also another rumour current in the city that Shooja-ool-Moolk, son of Mahomed Zuman Khan, has killed Dost Mahomed."

27th January.

1. "A petition is received from Baba Luchmun Singh stating among other things that the late disturbance owed its origin to the Soonees, whom he recommends for punishment."

2. "A letter dated from Peshawur announces the arrival of Major Lawrence in that place."

3. "A Sheikhoopora letter reports the arrival there of a Moot-suddie of Major Napier's, who is to superintend the repairs of the fort."

4. "A statement of the annual expenses of Maharajah Shere Singh is prepared, which amounted to 47,800 rupees."

5. "In reference to the plunder of the Treasury at the time of the murder of Maharajah Shere Singh, Mootsuddie Mul, Dufsturee, states that Baba Sujan Singh, who was then with the Sindhanwallea family, affirms that Sirdar Ujeyt Singh, Sindhanwallea, first took a sum of 25,000 rupees out of Bukshee Bhuggut Ram's treasure chest, which he gave away in alms, and that afterwards a lakh more was plundered by the soldiers, an account of which sums was drawn up by the Sirdars, but afterwards destroyed in the fear that it might lead to unpleasant disclosures. An order is therefore given to summon Baba Sujan Singh to the Durbar."

6. "Rajah Tej Singh, alluding to the proclamation already issued on the subject of cow-killing, regrets the continuance of this crime, and

desires the Vakeel to suggest to me the advisability of ordaining a penalty of death or imprisonment for life against all future delinquents. The Rajah considers that this will be a more effectual preventive."

7. "The Sheikhoopoorah news-letter states that the Maharanee has bestowed a present of 25 rupees on a Fakeer who has been in the place for some time past and that two of the soldiers of the fort are absent without leave. The Durbar send an order to stop the absent soldiers' pay."

8. Mr. Bowring having written to me commending the son of Mier Rulla Ram for the good returns of his district which he brought that officer, I desire the Durbar to write him a letter praising his conduct.

28th January.

1. "The Umritsur Akhbar reports that the Akalee who arrived in Umritsur a short time ago with a number of arms, together with three or four other people, had taken possession of one of the minarets adjoining the temple, from which he refuses to descend unless guaranteed in the possession of his weapons by Baba Luchmun Singh, in which case he says he will go somewhere else."

2. "A *roobakhar* is received from me desiring that her salary be paid month by month to the Maharanee."

3. "A reply is written to a *roobakhar* of mine on the subject of not allowing *jageerdars* to realize more from their *jageers* than the amount authorized in the title-deeds, explaining the difficulty of doing this owing to the fact of many *jageerdars* having laid out money on the improvement of their estates by sinking wells, etc., etc."

4. "The Durbar make a proposition among themselves to set apart one day in the week for hearing civil and criminal cases, the confusion of business having caused many matters to be inadvertently passed by."

5. "Another letter is received from Baba Lachmun Singh stating that the Akalee Gunda Singh has shot from his berth in the minaret

a Commandant and Sepoy. There is a guard of Sepoys round the minaret."

6. "Baba Sujah Singh presents himself at Durbar to answer questions regarding the plunder of the Treasury when Maharajah Shere Singh was murdered. He confirms the statement made by Mootsudee Mul, Duffuree."

7. "Major Macgregor attends the Durbar for the purpose of hearing some cases."

8. "Sheikh Imam-ood-deen pays in a bill for 50,000 rupees, being amount of balance due by him on account of the Jullunder and Cashmere."

9. A *roobakutree* from me is received by the Durbar desiring that some plan be made for dislodging the Akalce from the minaret at Umritsur.

29th January.

1. Sirdar Uttar Singh, Kalawalla, having come to the Residency early for the purpose of assisting in inspecting some Sikh Sowars, begs me to give some order about the Akalce at Umritsur. I desire him to instruct Baba Luchmun Singh to effect his capture, or, failing to do this, to blow him up, minaret, companions and all. A letter is accordingly sent to the Baba.

2. "Another letter arrives from Baba Luchmun Singh detailing further atrocities of Gunda Singh, the Akalce, who has further wounded a second Commandant and 3 other persons, and shot a Soobehdar dead."

3. "Conformably with instructions conveyed in a *roobakutree* of mine, circular letters are issued asserting the penalty for cow-killing to be imprisonment from one to seven years."

4. "The Bunnoo Akhbar contains an account of the attack on Lieutenant Edwardes by a Moosulman, whom he was compelled to shoot. The Durbar propose sending him a *surwana* after his escape from the danger."

5. "A *perwanah* is addressed to Govind Sahai, Kardar of Goojerat, ordering him to refund certain sums to certain zemindars, from whom he has made a double collection (having taken advantage of the

change of system of collecting the revenue; and warning him against oppression in future."

6. "The sum of 24 rupees is ordered to be given to the *aduluts* to provide *charpoys* for the wounded prisoners."

7. I attend Durbar in the fort, accompanied by three of my Assistants. The Bunnoo Akhbar, above alluded to, is produced and read. I affix my signature to several *perwanahs*. On enquiring as to how much more bullion is likely to be paid into the British Treasury by the Durbar, Rajah Tej Singh tells me that the whole sum will not amount to less than 10 lakhs, including what has already been paid. In reply to a question, I am told that four months' pay is in the course of distribution to the Government cavalry regiments. A handsome *khillat* is then conferred on Major Macgregor, this being the last time that he will attend the Durbar. Many eulogies are passed on him by Rajahs Deena Nath, Tej Singh and others, a feeling of regret being unmistakably exhibited.

8. "The people in charge of Rajah Lal Singh's Toshakhana report that last night some persons dug a hole in the wall of the Toshakhana and abstracted some property. Ruttun Chund, Doogul, is sent to investigate the matter."

9. The following documents are enclosed:—

No. 1.—Lieutenant Edwardes' Diary No. 24 from 13th to 15th instant.

No. 2.—Mr. Bowring's ditto No. 11 from 13th to 18th ditto.

No. 3.—Captain Abbott's Boundary Journal from 29th December 1847 to 23rd January 1848.

No. 4.—Major Lawrence's Peshawur Diary from 16th to 22nd instant.

Nos. 5 and 6.—Lieutenant Nicholson's Diaries Nos. 3 and 4 from 9th to 22nd instant.

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VISITS PAID AND RECEIVED.

24th January.

Jairam, Moonshee of Misr Megh Raj, Toshakhaneea—Treasury accounts. Rajah Shere Singh, Bahadoor, and Bhace Nidhan Singh—private visit. Raie Bhag Singh, Vakeel to the Lahore Government—Durbar

papers. Suddanund, news-writer—Akhbars. Beerbur Misr Saheb Diyal—customs matters. Lalla Khooshee Ram, Vakeel of Sirdar Lehna Singh—judicial matters. Ruttun Chund, Doogul—regarding salt balances.

25th January.

Jairam, Moonshee of Misr Megh Raj, Toshakhaneea—Treasury accounts. Ruttun Chund, Doogul—private. Raie Bhag Singh, Vakeel to the Lahore Government—Durbar returns. Raie Mool Singh, Motmid of Rajah Tej Singh—regarding the remodelling of the army. Suddanund, news-writer—Akhbars.

26th January.

Lalla Khooshee Ram, Vakeel of Sirdar Lehna Singh—judicial matters. Raie Bhag Singh, Vakeel to the Lahore Government—Durbar matters. Raie Mool Singh, Motmid of Rajah Tej Singh, Bahadoor—private message. Suddanund, news-writer—Akhbars. Saen Dass, Motmid of Rajah Shere Singh—private message.

27th January.

Jairam, Moonshee of Misr Megh Raj, Toshakhaneea—Treasury accounts. Raie Bhag Singh, Vakeel to the Lahore Government—Durbar papers. Mahomed Oosman Khan, ex-Wuzeer of His Highness the late Shah-Shoojah-ool-Moolk—regarding his pension. Suddanund, news-writer—Akhbars. Asamund, Vakeel to the Nazim of Mooltan—with letter from his master. Raie Mool Singh, Motmid of Rajah Tej Singh—private message. Pundit Shunkur Nath, Dufuree—revenue matters. Pundit Radha Kishun, in the service of the Lahore Government—complimentary.

28th January.

Jairam, Moonshee of Misr Megh Raj, Toshakhaneea—Treasury returns. Raie Bhag Singh, Vakeel to the Lahore Government—Durbar papers. Ruttun Chund with the long beard—post office. Suddanund, news-writer—Akhbars. Sheikh Imam-ool-deen ; Ruttun Chund, Doogul ; Saen Dass, Motmid of Rajah Shere Singh ; and Phoola Singh—complimentary.

29th January.

Suddanund, news-writer—Akhbars. Rajah Deena Nath, Bahadour—revenue returns. Sirdar Golab Singh, Attareewallah, and Fakeer Noor-ood-deen—complimentary.

30th January.

Jairam, Moonshee of Mir Megh Raj, Toshakhancea—Treasury returns.

(Sd.) JOHN LAWRENCE,

Officiating Resident.

**Political Diary of the Officiating Agent, Governor-General,
North-West Frontier, and Resident at Lahore, from
the 30th January to the 5th February 1848.**

SUMMARY OF PUNJAB INTELLIGENCE.

30th January.

1. "A letter is received from Baba Luchmun Singh stating that all his efforts to induce Gunda Singh, the Akalee, to descend from the minaret at Umritsur had proved unavailing. He is told to follow the instructions recently sent him."

2. "The officials in charge of Rajah Lal Singh's Toshakhana within the fort represent that some property has been abstracted therefrom by some persons who cut through the wall. An extra guard of sepoy is ordered to be placed over it."

3. "Sheikh Imam-ood-deen obtains leave of absence for 20 days to visit his home at Butala; but is first called on to give a bond for rupees 50,000 in exchange for the *pushmeena* which he paid into the Treasury on account of his debt, and which is now found less convenient than coin."

4. "Agreeably to my orders, the chief news-writer requests the Durbar to get the returns of lands assessed in the Baree Doab ready within a week; and also suggests that, in case the dispute regarding the salt merchants of Dewan Moolraj and Mir Sahib Dyal be not settled before Tuesday next, the latter and Rajah Tej Singh come to an understanding in open Durbar on the matter."

5. "A *perwanah* is addressed to Sirdar Golab Singh, Pohoo-vindeeah, advising him of the departure of 10 guns and a regiment to Peshawur."

6. "An order is issued to Sirdars Bhoor Singh and Goormukh Singh on the subject of the Fakeers at Sheikhoopoor, some of whom have refused to obey orders to quit the place. They are told to send all the obstinate Fakeers to Lahore *volens volens*."

31st January.

1. "A petition arrives from Dewan Gunput Rale and Dewan Deves Sabaie reporting that they have succeeded in decoying Gunda Singh, Akalee, from his position in the minaret, which they effected by the expedient of holding out to him good terms. A reply is written ordering them to forward him to Lahore under a suitable guard."

2. "A *perwanah* is issued to General Cortlandt desiring him to present Lieutenant Edwardes with a *surwarna* of 500 rupees by way of congratulating him on his escape from the late murderous attack of the Ghazees."

3. "Rajah Deena Nath, having completed the accounts of Huns-raj, formerly Kardar of some villages near Lahore, and a few others, states that a balance of 12,586 rupees is still outstanding against them. Measures will be taken for the recovery of this sum."

4. "Mr. Inglis accompanies a party of ladies on a visit to the Palace."

5. "Rajah Tej Singh expresses to the Durbar his wish to make a tour of certain religious places for six months, as he considers the Government has been put into such even course as to progress without his services."

1st February.

1. "A letter from Colonel Lawrence, dated from the Sandheads to the Durbar, is received this morning. It is read with evident pleasure."

2. "The accounts of Hakim Rai, formerly Kardar of Mittah Towanah, having been completed, a balance of 36,000 rupees is declared to be due by him on account of that district, which he is ordered to make good quickly."

3. "A letter is received by Fakeer Noor-ood-deen from Major Napier desiring that the sowars appointed to patrol the line of the canal be warned against demanding free quarters and living from the zemindars, which they have been in the habit of doing. Orders given accordingly."

4. "Lieutenant Pollock visits the Maharajah and afterwards conducts the Chiefs to Durbar at the Residency."

I express my surprise at the imperfect arrangements for transporting prisoners from one part of the country to another, two robbers recently captured by Rait Kishun Chund having effected their escape from the guard which was taking them to the *adalut*, and advise that in future they be handcuffed.

I advise that Baba Luchmun Singh, Naib of the Umritsur *adalutee*, be removed from his post, his late conduct with regard to the Umritsur Moosulmans having been very unsatisfactory. The Durbar agree with me, and decide that he shall be removed to Dera Baba Nanuk, the incumbent of which post will succeed to the Umritsur vacancy.

Complaints having recently been made that the *adalutees* are in the habit of billeting sowars on parties who have been convicted of trivial offences, I desire that stringent orders be sent to them not to do so except in very urgent cases. I enquire as to what arrangement has been made regarding the residence of the various *adalutee* establishments, and am informed of the places to which they are to be respectively assigned.

2nd February.

1. Rajah Tej Singh visits me this morning for the purpose of taking leave of Major Macgregor. The Rajah accompanies me to a parade of British Troops and afterwards returns with me to the Residency, where I hold a conversation in private with him.

2. "A *perwanah* is addressed to Baba Luchmun Singh informing him that in consequence of the incompetence he has shown for his office at Umritsur, he is to proceed to Dera Baba Nanuk, where he will fill up Jodh Singh's place. Advice is also sent to Jodh Singh of the change and of his appointment to succeed Baba Luchmun Singh."

3. "Rajah Tej Singh informs the Durbar that he has been visited by Dewan Jowala Sahate, Motmid of Maharajah Golar Singh. The Rajah praises the Dewan, saying that if the Maharajah had fifteen such servants as the Dewan, his country would be better governed."

4. "A *roobakarree* is received from me desiring that, after the distribution of his portion to each of the members of the late Maharajah Shere Singh's family, their receipts for the same be taken and sent for my inspection."

5. "A *morasilla* to the address of the Maharanee is received from me for transmission to Her Highness."

6. "Another *roobakarree* of mine is read to the effect that, as the Durbar have unanimously consented to the accounts of Bukshee Bhuggut Ram regarding certain disputed sums, I will agree to accept of the same, also desiring at the same time that the sums to which the Bukshee has acknowledged be made good without delay."

7. "The laws regarding the excise are presented to the Durbar from me. Copies are to be circulated."

8. "Agreeably to my request proclamations are issued stating the assemblage of Fakeers in villages, for the purpose of extorting religious offerings from the zemindars, illegal, and declaring this offence punishable with six months' imprisonment with labour and in irons. Fakeers have sometimes assembled in a village 200 strong, where they have remained until well fed by the zemindars."

3rd February

1. "Sirdar Kanh Singh is informed that Gunda Singh, the Akalee, with his confederates, has been made over to his most careful keeping."

2. "The accounts of Dewan Rajroop, brother to Dewan Moolraj of Pind Dadun Khan, are completed. A sum of 48,000 rupees is found to be due by him."

3. "The Vakeel, conformably with my orders, desires the Durbar to send an order to Baba Luchman Singh to forward all the witnesses he can get in the case of Gunda Singh, the Akalee."

4. "The chief news-writer informs me that there is a violent hatred existing between Bharee Nidhan Singh, the Archbishop of Lahore,

and the son of Govind Ram and others, arising, it is believed, from a dissatisfaction of a decision of the Umritsur Panches regarding their *jagirs*."

4th February.

1. "Mr. Vans Agnew attends the Durbar for the purpose of hearing some cases."

2. I visit Rajah Tej Singh's house in the afternoon

5th February.

1. "A sum of 1,80,000 rupees is declared owing by Jowahur Mull, former Kardar of Saieewal, but as he denies this, an order is sent to him to hasten in to Lahore."

2. I attend the Durbar accompanied by my Assistants. Some *perwanahs* are presented for my signature.

Rajah Deena Nath informs me that the new assessment of the Baree Doab shows a decrease from the old rate to the extent of 61,300 rupees, besides which there will probably be some small loss on account of a few *ilakhs* still unsettled. The Rajah afterwards states that Bukshee Bhuggut Ram has paid 34,000 rupees into the Peshawur and Ram Nuggur Treasuries and that he will pay up the remainder of his debt shortly, and begs me to consider him as with clean hands.

A portion of the Code of Criminal Law, which has been printed in the lithographic press, is produced for my inspection.

I enquire whether the witnesses in the case of Gunda Singh have been summoned. They are expected to arrive shortly.

Rajah Deena Nath requests me to write to Captain Abbott regarding the conduct of some of Maharaja Golab Singh's Kardars, who, since their *ilakhs* have been declared within the Lahore boundary, have cut up a quantity of young wheat for fodder, etc. Also that territory to the amount of 36,000 rupees belonging to the Lahore Government has not yet been recovered from Maharajah Golab Singh. I promise to write, as requested.

Bukshee Bhuggut Ram is brought to me to make his salaam, now that he is nearly free of debt to the State.

3. The following documents are enclosed :—

Nos. 1 and 2.—Lieutenant Edwardes' diaries Nos. 25 and 26 from 17th to 21st ultimo.

No. 3.—Mr. Bowring's ditto No. 12 from 19th to 23rd idem.

Nos. 4 and 5.—Lieutenant Edwardes' ditto Nos. 27 and 28 from 23rd to 27th idem.

No. 6.—Major Lawrence's Peshawur diary from 23rd to 29th idem.

No. 7.—Mr. Bowring's diary No. 13 from 24th to 29th idem.

No. 8.—Lieutenant Edwardes' ditto No. 29 from 28th and 29th idem.

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VISITS PAID AND RECEIVED.

31st January.

Fakeer Noor-ood-deen—complimentary. Jai Ram, Moonshee of Mir Megh Raj, Toshakhaneea—Treasury accounts. Raie Mool Singh, Motmid of Rajah Tej Singh—private message. Sirdar Uttar Singh, Kallawallah—regarding Irregular Cavalry. Sirdar Kanh Singh, son of Sirdar Sham Singh, Attareewallah—complimentary. Beerbur Mir Sahab Dyal, together with his brother Gyan Chund—customs. Kazee Mohkum-ood-deen, Jummo Vakeel—with letters from his master; and Ruttun Chund, Doogul—private.

1st February.

Jai Ram, Moonshee of Mir Megh Raj, Toshakhaneea—Treasury accounts. Rajah Shere Singh, Bahadoor—private. Khooshee Ram, Vakeel of Sirdar Lehna Singh—criminal returns. Raie Bhag Singh, Lahore Vakeel—Durbar papers. Kazee Mohkum-ood-deen, Jummo Vakeel—with letters. Dewan Jowala Sahale, Motmid of Maharajah Golab Singh—on his return from Jummo. Beerbur Mir Sahab Dyal—customs.

Public Durbar : Rajah Tej Singh, Kalan Bahadoor; Rajah Deena Nath, Bahadoor; Sirdar Uttar Singh, Kallawallah; Fakeer Noor-ood-deen, with his son Zahoor-ood-deen; Mir Megh Raj, Toshakhaneea; Sirdar Shumshere Singh, Sindhanwallah; Sheikh Imam-ood-deen; Ruttun Chund, Doogul; Ruttun Chund with the long beard, and Beerbur Mir Rulla Ram.

2nd February.

Rajah Tej Singh, Bahadoor—private conference. Jairam, Moonshee of Misr Megh Raj, Toshakhancea—Treasury accounts. Asamund, Mool-tan Vakeel—with letter from his master. Golab Rai, news-writer—complimentary. Raie Bhag Singh, Lahore Vakeel—Durbar papers. Misr Hurcharun Dass, with Ramdhun, his Vakeel—complimentary.

3rd February.

Jairam, Moonshee of Misr Megh Raj, Toshakhancea—Treasury accounts. Raie Mool Singh, Motmid of Rajah Tej Singh—private orders. Ruttun Chund, Doogul, with Gunput Rai of Magazine—regarding certain balances due to the Government. Golab Rai, news-writer—Akhbars. Pundit Shunkur Nath, Dufsturee—revenue returns. Beerbur Misr Sahab Diyal—customs; and Fakeer Shums-ood-deen.

4th February.

Jairam, Moonshee of Misr Megh Raj, Toshakhancea—Treasury returns. Golab Rai, news-writer; Raie Bhag Singh, Lahore Vakeel—complimentary; and Mokurrub Khan, Punjtaranwallah—complimentary.

5th February.

Raie Mool Singh, Motmid of Rajah Tej Singh, Bahadoor—private message. Golab Rai, news-writer—Akhbars; and Fakeers Chiragh-ood-deen and Siraj-ood-deen—with message from Major MacNair.

6th February.

Jairam, Moonshee of Misr Megh Raj, Toshakhancea—Treasury accounts.

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Offg. Resident at Lahore.

**Political Diary of the Officiating Agent, Governor-General,
North-West Frontier, and Resident at Lahore,
from the 6th to the 12th February 1848.**

SUMMARY OF PUNJAB INTELLIGENCE.

6th February.

1. The chief news-writer, as ordered by me, desires that Gunda Singh, the Akalee lately captured in Umritsur, with his companions, be removed from their present prison and transferred to within the fort. Orders are given accordingly.

2. "Akhbars from various parts of the country are read in open Durbar."

3. "A *roobakaree* is received from me to the effect that Miar Sahib Diyal having offered objections to allowing the merchants of Dewan Moolraj to sell their salt in any and all places, as in this case he would find difficulty in disposing of his own fresh salt, it would be advisable to allow the merchants this option, but to give Miar Sahib Diyal the liberty of allowing the value of any salt he could not dispose of this year to stand over and be paid in next year."

4. "One Jaie Kishun, a Mootsuddee, presenting a *nuzzur* to Rajah Tej Singh, is repulsed by the latter and asked how he dare show himself at Durbar, after having, under pretence of attending a marriage, visited Rajah Lal Singh at Agra, his own servants having seen him there. The Mootsuddee excuses himself, saying that he met Lal Singh's camp on the road and thus had an interview with him."

7th February.

1. "An *urree* is received from Sooruj Bhan, Commandant, giving an account of the capture of some men suspected of robbing a marriage procession at a place called Chuhul, on the Umritsur road, and also of the Panches of their village, Dulla, who harboured them when hard pressed by the Chuhul Sowars. This case is ordered for reference to me."

2. "The Umritsur Akhbar states that Baba Luchmun Singh has sent the witnesses in the case of Gunda Singh, Akalee, to Lahore."

3. "A *roobakaree* of mine is read, containing a scale of allowances, to be followed in future, with regard to all civil officials in Huzara; the same having been drawn up with the advice of Captain Abbott."

4. "Mr. Inglis attends the Durbar, being accompanied by the Residency Sherishtadar, &c., for the purpose of taking evidence in the case of the late Moosulman disturbance at Umritsur. The witnesses however are not present, in consequence of which stringent orders are immediately sent to Baba Luchmun Singh to forward them to Lahore; the evidence of one *man* only is taken."

5. "Agreeably to my orders, the Vakeel requests the Durbar to lose no more time in preparing a detailed statement of the private

expenses of the Maharajah for one year, amounting to $1\frac{1}{2}$ lakh rupees."

6. "The witnesses in the case of Gunda Singh, Akalee, arrive in Lahore."

7. "The shroffs of the city are now taking discount, at the rate of $4\frac{1}{2}$ per cent, on the exchange of new Nanuk Shahi rupees, a rate at which the people are much dissatisfied, it never having been so high before."

8th February.

1. "Rajah Shere Singh notifies his wish of visiting Attaree for the purpose of meeting his brother, Sirdar Autar Singh."

2. "A letter is received to my address from the Maharanee. Her Highness also has sent a yellow dress to the Maharajah on account of the festival of the *Bussunt* and a message to the Durbar desiring that some property of hers in Khurruk Singh's house be not disturbed."

3. "In consequence of a representation made by the Vakeel to the Durbar, an order for 10,000 rupees is given for the purchase of new musquetry, the musquets now in use being very useless."

4. "*Perwannahs* are issued to the paymasters of Lahore, Peshawur, Huzara and Bunnoo to pay up all the regular troops for the months of *Poh* and *Magh*."

5. "Rajah Deena Nath having prepared the statement of the Maharajah's private expenses, as desired by me, gives it to the Vakeel."

6. "In regard to the salt case, about which so much has been said lately, Rajah Deena Nath proposes that Misr Saheb Diyal take all the salt of Dewan Moolraj's merchants and sell it himself, three months being allowed him for the same. Rajah Tej Singh approves of this."

7. "An order for 6,000 rupees is given on account of the expense of dresses and charity for the festival of the *Bussunt* (to-morrow)."

8. "The chief news-writer suggests, with regard to the high rate of exchange of the new Nanuk Shahi rupee demanded by the city shroffs, that a proclamation be issued determining the rate of exchange by which the people would be satisfied and the shroffs uninjured."

9. The Durbar, at which we usually attend on this day, is postponed, in consequence of my being indisposed.

10. "Information is received of a prisoner having escaped while working on the roads."

9th February.

1. The Vakeel is ordered to wait on me and request my attendance at the festival of the *Bussant* this afternoon. Agreeably with his invitation, I and all my Assistants visit the place appointed. We sat in the Durbar for a short time, in which all the natives, high and low, present an offering of money to the Maharajah, and afterwards take leave under a salute of cannon.

10th February.

1. "Sirdar Mahtab Singh, Majeethia, receives an order to lose no time in starting for Rawul Pindie, to which place he is appointed."

2. "Colonel Jhunda Singh is ordered to deny all access to Gunda Singh, Akalee, under trial for his life."

3. "An order is given to Sirdar Kanh Singh, Man, to eject all the Akalees from Lahore and Shahedgunge, and to warn them against being refractory."

4. "A conversation takes place regarding the number of robberies, dacoities, etc., etc., which constantly happen in the Manjha, the result of which is that *perwanahs* are addressed to the various *adaluts* and other influential persons, entreating of them an increased vigilance, and promising them any necessary assistance in the execution of their orders on a representation being made to the Durbar."

5. "A letter is sent to Sirdar Bhoor Singh at Sheikhoopora desiring him to inform the Maharanee that anything she may wish to get from Lahore shall be sent to her on a written statement being forwarded, Her Highness having in a letter to me notified her want of sundry articles."

6. "Circulars are issued to all subjects of the Lahore Government calling on them to assist the agents deputed by the Durbar for the purpose of preventing robbery, dacoity, etc."

7. "Rajah Tej Singh notifies his intention to leave Lahore for Umritsur on Sunday next."

8. "Mr. Inglis attends the Durbar for the purpose of taking the evidence of some witnesses in the case of Gunda Singh, Akalee."

9. Rajah Deena Nath pays me a visit.

10. "Jowahir Singh, Misdar, is ordered to post himself with 50 Sowars at Shahdera, where he is to patrol and protect travellers against robbers."

11th February.

1. "One Khuda Buksh, calling himself a Havildar in a British regiment, applies to Rajah Tej Singh for a present of 100 rupees, stating that he is in great want. The Rajah refuses to give him anything without first enquiring of me." I have addressed the Brigadier Commanding regarding this man.

2. "Agreeably with a *roobakaris* received from me, the Durbar issues *perwanahs* to all ferry and excise farmers ordering them to refer all cases in which a proclamation is necessary to the Hakim of their *zillah*, and he will see to the proclamation being published."

3. "Mr. Cocks and Lieutenant Pollock attend Durbar for the purpose of hearing cases."

4. "Sirdar Uttar Singh, Kallawallah, is ordered to have 200 Sowars in attendance to-morrow morning, to be present at the disarming of Colonel Iman Singh's regiment."

12th February.

1. "Sirdar Uttar Singh, Kallawallah, agreeably to orders, attends on the parade with 200 Sowars and some foot-soldiers to superintend the disbanding and disarming of Colonel Iman Singh's regiment. The soldiers receive all arrears of pay and lay down their arms and accoutrements, which are all made over to the Government magazine."

2. "News-letters from various parts of the country are read in Durbar, as also are several notes from me, on different subjects."

3. "Conformably with instructions received from me, a *perwanah* is sent to Baba Malee Singh, Kardar of Jhung, reprimanding him for the

unbusiness-like manner in which he carries on his office, it having been discovered that all complainants are referred by him to the *adaluts*. The Code of Criminal Law is here brought against him, in which it is expressly declared that a Kardar is required to set on foot immediate investigation on receiving news of any serious occurrence. He is therefore warned against such supineness in future."

4. "The Kardar of Khair pays his respects to the Darbar. Baba Luchmun Singh also arrives, reporting that he has brought with him all witnesses in the cases of the Umritsur Moosulmans and Gunda Singh Akalee. The latter he states to be a confirmed rebel."

5. Lieutenant Pollock visits the Maharajah. Shortly after I and my Assistants attend the Darbar, as usual.

Rajah Tej Singh informs me that Bukshee Bhuggut Ram has paid into the Government Treasury 65,000 rupees, leaving a balance of 62,000 rupees still standing against his name in the Government account. The remainder is promised to be paid up shortly.

Agreeably with the advice of the Darbar, I apprise Sirdar Shumshere Singh, Sindhanwallah, of my intention of sending him to superintend the police of the Manjha. The Sirdar expresses his readiness to go. Sirdar Uttur Singh, Kallawallah, informs me that he has received many applications for pensions from able-bodied and serviceable horsemen. I tell him that he may pay up and discharge as many as wished to leave the service, but that pensions are only intended for the old and worn-out.

Rajah Tej Singh mentions to me his wish to leave for Umritsur to-morrow, where he will remain four days.

I affix my signature to some *peramnahs*, among them, to one sanctioning the alienation of the value of a *jageer* (4,000 rupees) by Rajah Tej Singh, he having endowed some religious place at Benares with the same.

I desire that the cases of Gunda Singh, Akalee, and the Umritsur Moosulmans be heard on Monday next and the salt case on Tuesday.

I inform the Darbar that I have written to Sirdar Lehna Singh, Majeethia, telling him that he will not get a way-bill to our Province until he completes the assessment of his *jageer* at Umritsur.

Rajah Deena Nath tells me that the percentage to be allowed to the minters has been fixed at $1\frac{1}{2}$, the former rate having been 4 per cent. This is expected to be of great advantage to the Government. Great difficulty having been experienced in obtaining the returns of the *jageers* in the Baree Doab, I suggest that *perwanahs* be issued condemning any *jageerdar* not sending in his returns to the loss of his *jageer*, and offering a reward of 100 rupees to any one who will give information of persons trying to evade the settlement by keeping isolated villages in their farm.

6. The following documents are enclosed :—

No. 1.—Lieutenant Nicholson's diary No. 5 from 23rd to 29th ultimo.

No. 2.—Lieutenant Edwardes' ditto No. 30 for 30th and 31st ditto.

No. 3.—Mr. Bowring's diary No. 14 from 30th ultimo to 2nd instant.

No. 4.—Major Lawrence's Peshawur diary from 30th ultimo to 5th instant.

No. 5.—Lieutenant Nicholson's diary No. 6 from ditto to ditto.

No. 6.—Lieutenant Edwardes' ditto No. 31 for 1st and 2nd instant.

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VISITS PAID AND RECEIVED.

7th February.

Jairam, Moonshee of Mir Megh Raj, Toshakhancea—Treasury accounts. Sirdar Uttur Singh, Kallawallah—with returns of Irregular Horse. Rai Bhag Singh, Vakeel to the Lahore Government—Durbar papers. Bhaee Nidhan Singh—private visit. Hyder Alli Khan, Motmid of the Alloowalla Sirkar—with letter. Shunkur Nath, Dasturee—revenue papers. Beetbur Mir Sahib Dyal—customs returns. Golab Rai, news-writer—Durbar Akhbars.

8th February.

Fakeer Noor-ood-deen—complimentary visit. Jairam, Moonshee of Mir Megh Raj, Toshakhancea—Treasury accounts. Golab Rai, news-writer—Akhbars.

9th February.

Raie Mool Singh, Motmid of Rajah Tej Singh—Irregular Troops. Raie Bhag Singh, Vakeel to the Lahore Government—Durbar returns. Golab Rai, news-writer—Akhbars. Sirdar Golab Singh, Attareewallah, complimentary.

10th February.

Jairam, Moonshee of Mir Megh Raj, Toshakhanees—Treasury accounts. Golab Rai, news-writer, and Raie Bhag Singh, Vakeel to the Lahore Government—Akhbars. Sirdar Phoola Singh—complimentary. Shunkur Nath, Duffuree—revenue returns. Rajah Deena Nath, Bahadoor—on revenue matters. Raie Mool Singh, Motmid of Rajah Tej Singh—private message. Beerbur Mir Sahab Diyal—customs returns.

11th February.

Jairam, Moonshee of Mir Megh Raj, Toshakhanees—Treasury accounts. Kurum Singh, son of Ruttun Singh, Sookhiwalla—complimentary. Golab Rai, news-writer—Akhbars. Hyder Alli Khan, Motmid of Alloowalla Sirkar—private message. Hookum Chund, Moonshee of Raie Bhag Singh, Vakeel to the Lahore Government—Akhbar papers.

12th February.

Jairam, Moonshee of Mir Megh Raj, Toshakhanees—Treasury accounts. Dewan Ruttun Chund, Doogul—salt balance. Raie Mool Singh, Motmid of Rajah Tej Singh; and Lalla Dass Mul, Vakeel of the Regular Force—regarding Regular Troops. Golab Rai, news-writer—Akhbars. Shiva Diyal, Moonshee of Raie Bhag Singh, Vakeel to the Lahore Government—Durbar returns. Hyder Alli Khan, Motmid to the Alloowalla Sirkar—private message. Sirdar Golab Singh, Attareewallah, with Fakeer Shums-ood-deen—complimentary.

13th February.

Mir Megh Raj, Toshakhanees, with Jairam, Moonshee—Treasury accounts.

(Sd.) J. LAWRENCE.

Offg. Agent, G.-G., N.-W. F., and Resident at Lahore.

**Political Diary of the Officiating Agent, Governor-General,
North-West Frontier, and Resident at Lahore, from
the 13th to the 19th February 1848.**

SUMMARY OF PUNJAB INTELLIGENCE.

13th February.

1. "A Moonshee of Rajah Deena Nath's, who was deputed to Umritsur to assist Sirdar Lehna Singh, Majeethia, in the assessment of his *jageer*, returns to Lahore and reports that the settlement is at length finished."

14th February.

1. "The Umritsur Akhbar gives an account of the arrival of Rajah Tej Singh in that place and of his meeting with Sirdar Lehna Singh, Majeethia."

2. "Ram Chund, Mohurwalla, reports that some zemindars of the *ilakah* of Jeitpore having stolen a cow from a *kafila* travelling through the country, threw her into an old well. Rajah Deena Nath orders Sirdar Kanh Singh, Man, *adulatee*, to investigate and prepare the case."

3. "Mr. Inglis attends the Durbar for the purpose of hearing the cases of Gunda Singh, the Akalee, and the Umritsur Soonees and Sheeahs. The sentence in the first case is that of death by hanging against Gunda Singh and two of his companions; the remainder being imprisoned for seven years with hard labour on the roads. All the Chief Sirdars of the Durbar affix their signatures to this judgment. In the case of the Soonees and Sheeahs, an order is given to take recognizances for good behaviour in future from the heads of either sect."

4. "A *roobakara* of mine to the address of Sirdar Shumshere Singh, Sindhanwallah, is received by him, as also a double-barrelled gun by way of a *rookhsutana*. Agreeably with the letter, orders are issued to various Sirdars therein specified to be in attendance on Sirdar Shumshere Singh with their contingents of Horse, during his residence in the Manjha, he having been appointed Superintendent of Police in that district."

15th February.

1. "The Vakeel of Deewan Moolraj, Nazim of Mooltan, reports the arrival of 1,06,000 rupees, being a portion of the instalment due on account of the last *khurreef* crop."

2. "Akhibars from various parts of the country are read."

3. "The Treasurer reports a balance of 4 lakhs of rupees in the revenue chest and of 3,15,000 rupees in the Motee Mundur and Toshakhana."

4. "Ruttun Chund, Reeshduraz, presents a statement of the returns of the new Lahore post office for the month of *Magh*, which amount to 325 rupees."

5. "Lieutenant Pollock conducts the Chiefs to the Durbar at the Residency. The *roobakaree* in re the Umritsur Soonees and Sheeahs is read. It is afterwards signed by the chief persons of the Durbar. A long discussion then ensues regarding the salt case, in which Mier Rulla Ram and certain merchants are the parties. The conclusion arrived at is that the merchants be allowed to sell the salt in their hands when and where they please for a period of two or three months, Rulla Ram's contract being considered as in abeyance for such period."

16th February.

1. "In consequence of a *roobakaree* from me regarding Sir F. Currie's appointment to Lahore, Sirdar Golab Singh, Attareewallah, and Fakeer Noor-ood-deen are ordered to go to Bhyrowal to meet that gentleman; instructions being also sent to the Kardar of that place to pay every possible attention."

2. "Rajah Deena Nath gives orders for the preparation of returns of the pensioners and *dhurmurthees* who were dependent on the receipts of the customs for their stipends."

3. "Rajah Deena Nath, having assembled Dewan Moolraj's salt merchants, informs them of the determination come to by the Durbar yesterday, and takes from them written agreements to pay for all the salt which they have not yet removed from the mines in three months, and for that which they have already removed in one month, permission being granted them to sell it where they please. Orders are consequently sent to the various local officials not to offer any impediment to the free sale of the salt."

4. "The Kardar of Zuffurwal arrives in Lahore."

17th February.

1. "The Treasurer reports that he has paid in 13½ lakhs of gold bullion to the British Treasury."

2. "The Durbar Mootsudees receive stringent orders to prepare quickly the abstract statement of all Kardars' accounts, the same having been called for by me."

18th February.

1. "An *urree* is received from Jowahur Singh, Commandant, who with 50 Sowars was sent to patrol the high roads about Shahderah, reporting the capture of four thieves and some stolen property; and also stating that there are several more in the neighbouring villages which refuse to give them up, and in the capturing of whom Sirdar Mungul Singh's people refuse assistance until ordered by their master."

2. "In consequence of a *roobakaree* sent by me, Sirdar Kanu Singh, Man, is ordered to be prepared to carry into effect the sentence against Gunda Singh, Akalee, and his two companions early to-morrow morning. Special orders are further given regarding the disposition of the troops to attend on the occasion, etc."

3. "Several news-letters are read to the Durbar."

4. "Mr. Cocks and Lieutenant Pollock attend Durbar for the purpose of hearing cases."

19th February.

1. Accompanied by all my Assistants, I am present at the execution of Gunda Singh, Akalee, and two of his companions. After having hung for a time, they are all burnt.

2. "The Wuzeerabad Akhbar gives an account of a fracas between some of Sirdar Mungul Singh's people and the Kardar's soldiers. It appears that the Nazim of the Sirdar's *adalat* had hired a hackery for the conveyance of his property, and that he entrusted the arrangements for bringing it on the line of march to one of his subordinates; that at the time of starting some of the Kardar's soldiers created a dispute on the matter, which being warmly taken up ended in violence, and that to wind up, the Kardar sent 200 armed sepoy to drive away the Sirdar's people and plunder the hackery. No life was lost, but three or four

persons are said to have been severely wounded. The Sirdar was making his first march from Wuzeerabad and had preceded his camp."

3. Rajahs Tej Singh and Shere Singh, and Sirdar Uttur Singh, Kallawallah, arrive at Lahore from Umritsur."

4. "Bukhshee Bhuggut Ram pays a further sum of 25,000 rupees by way of clearing off his debt to Government."

5. The Vakeel informs the Durbar that in consequence of the news from Wuzeerabad, I have determined on sending Mr. Vans Agnew to that place to inquire into the conduct of Ram Chund, Kardar.

6. I attend Durbar in the fort in company with my Assistants. I take the present opportunity of saying a few words of praise to Rajah Deena Nath for his conduct in the Akalee case, he having been the only councillor left in Lahore during the absence of Rajah Tej Singh and the others. The Rajah informs me of the instalment paid in by Bukhshee Bhuggut Ram. Rajah Tej Singh expresses his satisfaction at the amount of water in the royal canal at Umritsur, which he describes as being double what it was formerly. A *morasilla* to the address of Sir F. Currie is read to me. We then talk on the matter of the Wuzeerabad Kardar. A petition from the Thanadar of Altaree is produced in which the murder of a man, who attempted to rob sugarcane from a field, by the owner of the field is related. I desire the whole case to be sent up to me. Rajah Deena Nath requests me to sanction the expenditure of 20,000 rupees on the festival of the Hoollee, which is now approaching. I express my surprise at the largeness of the amount. I am told in reply that in olden times a lakh of rupees used to be devoted to the festival. The account of another murder perpetrated within 3 or 4 *koss* of Lahore is then read—a traveller murdered by a robber. A *khillat* is conferred on Mir Rulla Ram, he being about to quit Lahore for his salt farms at Pind Dadun Khan. I praise him to the Maharajah as being a very good servant of His Highness.

7. The following documents are enclosed:—

Nos. 1 and 2.—Lieutenant Edwardes' diaries Nos. 32 and 33 from 3rd to 9th instant.

No. 3.—Mr. Bowring's diary No. 15 from 3rd to 8th instant.

No. 4.—Lieutenant Edwardes' diary No. 34 for 10th and 11th instant.

No. 5.—Mr. Bowring's ditto No. 16 from 9th to 14th instant.

No. 6.—Captain Abbott's Boundary Journal from 28th ultimo to 12th instant.

No. 7.—Major Lawrence's Peshawur diary from 6th to 12th instant.

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VISITS PAID AND RECEIVED.

14th February.

Jairam, Moonshee of Misr Megh Raj, Toshakhancea—Treasury accounts. Ruttun Chund, Doogul—customs accounts. Saen Dass, Motmid of Rajah Shere Singh—complimentary. Golab Rai, news-writer—Akhhars. Hookum Chund, Moonshee of Raie Bhag Singh, Vakeel to the Lahore Government—Durbar returns. Shiva Diyal and Gungaram, Mootsuddes of Moodeekhanah—Magazine returns.

15th February.

Jairam, Moonshee of Misr Megh Raj, Toshakhancea—Treasury accounts. Fakeer Noor-ood-deen—complimentary. Golab Rai, news-writer—Akhhars. Raie Mool Singh, Motmid of Rajah Tej Singh—regarding military matters. Ruttun Chund with the long beard—Post office. Sirdar Shumshere Singh, Sindhanwallah—complimentary. Hookum Chund, Moonshee of Raie Bhag Singh, Vakeel to the Lahore Government—Durbar returns. Beerbur Misr Saheb Diyal—customs returns. Lalla Khooshee Ram, Vakeel of Sirdar Lehna Singh—judicial returns. Hyder Ally Khan, Motmid to the Alloowallah Birkar—complimentary.

Public Durbar: Rajahs Deena Nath and Shere Singh, Bahadoors; Sirdar Golab Singh, Attareewallah; Bhaee Nidhan Singh; Raie Bhag Singh, Vakeel to the Lahore Government; Bhuggut Ram, ex-Bukshee to the Lahore Government; Misr Megh Raj, Toshakhancea, and Rulla Ram; Sirdar Kanh Singh, Man, and Ruttun Chund, Doogul.

18th February.

Jairam, Moonshee of Misr Megh Raj, Toshakhancea—customs. Raie Mool Singh, Motmid of Rajah Tej Singh—army returns. Raie Bhag Singh, Vakeel to the Lahore Government—Durbar papers. Dass Mul,

Vakeel of the Regular Force—papers of Regular Army. Golab Rai, news-writer—Akhbars. Chunder Bhan, and Radha Kishun, Vakeel to the Bhawulpore Sirkar—complimentary. Beerbur Misr Saheb Diyal—customs. Hyder Ullly Khan, Motmid to the Alloowallah Sirkar, and Bawa Luchmun Singh with Khooshee Ram, Vakeel—complimentary.

19th February.

Jairam, Moonshee of Misr Megh Raj, Toshakhancea—Treasury accounts. Golab Rai, news-writer—Akhbars. Raie Bhag Singh, Vakeel to the Lahore Government—Durbar returns. Bhaie Maon Singh and Kazeo Mohkum-ood-deen, Vakeel of Maharajah Golab Singh—complimentary.

20th February.

Hyder Ullly Khan, Motmid to the Alloowallah Sirkar—complimentary.

(Sd.) JOHN LAWRENCE,

Officiating Resident.

Political Diary of the Agent, Governor-General, North-West Frontier, and Resident at Lahore, from the 20th to the 26th February 1848.

SUMMARY OF PUNJAB INTELLIGENCE.

20th February.

1. "Agreeably to a suggestion of Misr Saheb Diyal's, a *premanah* is addressed to General Cortlandt instructing him to offer every protection to merchants travelling towards Mooltan, the Nazim of that place having recently used compulsive measures regarding the particular ferries on the Indus by which they have been allowed to cross."

21st February.

1. "Conformably with my instructions, a paper is granted to Misra Rulla Ram and Saheb Diyal, on the subject of the salt farm, to the effect that the merchants connected with Dewan Moolraj are to be allowed 3 months for selling their salt, without any restrictions; and that those of certain *ilakhs* within the Misr's jurisdiction are to make

good their liabilities in one month. A fair period in next year is to be allowed to the Misrs for paying in whatever of their contract they are unable to collect this year, owing to the present arrangements; and they are secured against loss in the event of the farm being given to any one else."

2. Rajah Deena Nath and Rale Mool Singh visit me privately at the Residency.

3. "The Vakeels of the Nazim of Mooltan report that their master has, agreeably to orders, despatched 1,75,000 rupees for the force in Bunnoo, the same being in part payment of the instalment due for the last crop; and has paid a further sum of 1,05,000 rupees into the Government Treasury."

22nd February.

1. "Fakcer Shums-ood-deen reports the departure of his father Noor-ood-deen and Sirdar Golab Singh, Attareewallah, to Bhyrowal, where they will await the arrival of Sir F. Currie."

2. "The Umritsur news-letter announces the departure from that place of Sirdar Lehna Singh, Majeethia, to Majeethia, after having distributed considerable sums in charity to the various religious places, etc. He is to remain for a couple of days at Majeethia, after which he will proceed to the source of the Ganges."

3. "An explanation is given to the Vakeel of Dewan Moolraj of the conditions on which he will be released from his imprisonment in Govindgurh, which are that he pay up without delay all the money due by him personally; and that he hold himself responsible for the liquidation of the bills held by his merchants. The Vakeel demurs at the latter proposal, and the matter is dropped, pending a further reference to me."

4. "A *perwanah* is sent to the Nazim of Mooltan ordering him to send to Lahore, under arrest, two Europeans wandering through his country, suspected to be deserters."

5. "Mr. Melvill visits the Maharajah and afterwards conducts the Chiefs to Durbar at the Residency. Rajah Tej Singh is absent through indisposition."

I affix my signature to several Government *perwanahs*.

I express my surprise at the want still expressed by *adalutees* and *Kardars* for more sowars, there being no less than 700 distributed amongst them. We arrange to settle this point to-morrow with Rajah Deena Nath. The latter, in talking of the extent of the Rechna Doab, gives his advice that there should be three *adalutees* appointed to it. A company of sowars having been billeted on Bhace Nidhan Singh by Sirdar Kanb Singh, Man, on account of some petty case, I desire that a *perwanah* be instantly written to relieve the Bhace of their company, which is done. I refer with sorrow to a robbery committed in Jhung against some *Khuttrees*, the assailants having made a large bonfire round their houses and then pillaged them. I also enquire whether Anunt Ram has yet left for Jhung, suggesting that he should be displaced by some more competent person.

23rd February.

1. "Orders are given to the Government Dak Munshi to establish a line of runners, etc., between Lahore and Bhimbur, the line of boundary of Maharajah Golah Singh's territories, to act in concert with the runners from Cashmere."

2. Rajah Deena Nath visits me at the Residency for the purpose of effecting some changes among the Government collectors and *Kardars* etc.

3. "Akhbars from various parts of the country are read, amongst which is that from Jhung, detailing an affray between two villages, the offspring of an ancient feud, in which three persons were killed and seven or eight wounded on either side."

4. Conformably with instructions received from me, the Vakeel causes *perwanahs* to be written to the various *Kardars* on the line of road by which Sir F. Currie will arrive, ordering that every attention be paid him.

5. "Rajah Deena Nath informs the Durbar that Anunt Ram's post as *Nalb* of the *adalutee* has been filled up by the appointment of one Dewan Kishun Lall, a very intelligent man, who is to receive a salary of 6,000 rupees per annum."

24th February.

1. "*Perwanahs* are addressed to Dewan Kishun Lall informing him of his new appointment, to Anunt Ram apprising him of his

supersession, and to Sirdar Mungul Singh regarding the change in his office."

2. "Mr. Vans Agnew arrives from Wuzeerabad, where he was employed in investigating the conduct of the Kardar in the late affray."

25th February.

1. "The Kotwal of the city is ordered to prepare a list of Government buildings occupied by Sirdars and others with a view to establishing a rental on the same."

2. "The Umritsur news-letter reports a slight quarrel between the Soonees and Sheeahs, the former having dammed up a water-course belonging to the latter. The parties, however, referred the matter peaceably to the *adalut*."

3. "The Treasurer reports a balance of 4,20,573 rupees in his Toshakhana and the Treasury."

26th February.

1. "The Darogha of the artillery stables reports his having caused his horses and those of the Maharajah's to be inspected by me this morning."

2. "Way-bills are granted to Rances Mudnoo, Deokee and Luchmun, wives of Maharajah Runjeet Singh, to visit the source of the Ganges, necessities for the journey being provided by the *Darbar*."

3. "Among the news-letters of the country is one from Jhung, detailing an affray between some Brahmins, of whom two were wounded. The one from Jhung reports that Dewan Moolraj had sent out a number of Sowars to one of the Ghats to protect merchants, who were afraid of travelling through the country without a guard, the number of robbers being so great."

4. Accompanied by my Assistants, I attend Durbar in the afternoon. On enquiring as to whether the returns of the Baree Doab have been completed, Rajah Deena Nath informs me that the result of his labours shows the probable amount of revenue from the three Doabs to be 50 lakhs, and of Peshawur, Mooltan, the customs, etc., 44 lakhs per annum. I request the Rajah to visit me to-morrow morning, when we can consult on revenue matters. He informs me that Bakshee Bhuggut

Ram has paid up a further sum of 10,000 rupees, leaving a balance of 27,000 rupees against his name.

5. The following documents are enclosed :—

Nos. 1 and 2.—Lieutenant Edwardes' diaries Nos. 35 and 36 from 12th to 15th February.

No. 3.—Major Lawrence's Peshawur diary from 13th to 15th ditto.

No. 4.—Lieutenant Nicholson's diary No. 7 from 6th to 12th ditto.

No. 5.—Lieutenant Edwardes' ditto No. 37 for 16th and 17th ditto.

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VISITS PAID AND RECEIVED.

21st February.

Jairam, Moonshee of Mir Megh Raj, Toshakhanees—Treasury accounts. Sirdar Uttur Singh, Kalawallah—with Irregular Troops, Rajah Shere Singh, Bahadoor—complimentary. Rale Bhag Singh, Vakeel to the Lahore Government, and Golab Rai, news-writer—Durbar returns. Rale Mool Singh, Motmid of Rajah Tej Singh—regarding military arrangements. Rajah Deena Nath, Bahadoor—revenue papers. Saen Dass, Motmid of Rajah Shere Singh—complimentary. Beerbur Misr Rullea Ram and Saheb Diyal—customs returns. Fakeer Noor-ood-deen; Sirdar Golab Singh, Attareewallah, and Asanund, Vakeel to the Nazim of Mooltan—complimentary.

22nd February.

Jairam, Moonshee of Mir Megh Raj, Toshakhanees—Treasury accounts. Bhaee Nidhan Singh—private consultation. Golab Rai, news-writer—Aklibars. Rale Bhag Singh, Vakeel to the Lahore Government—Durbar papers.

Public Durbar: Rajahs Shere Singh and Deena Nath, Bahadoors; Sirdar Uttur Singh, Kalawallah; Beerbur Misr Saheb Diyal; Ruttun Chund, Doogul; Mir Megh Raj, Toshakhanees; Baba Muhyeen Singh; Ruttun Chund with the long beard.

23rd February.

Rajah Deena Nath, Bahadoor—private message. Rale Mool Singh, Motmid of Rajah Tej Singh—regarding military arrangements. Golab Rai,

news-writer—Akhbars. Raie Bhag Singh, Vakeel to the Lahore Government—Durbar papers. Beerbur Misr Saheb Diyal—customs returns.

24th February.

Jairam, Moonshee of Misr Megh Raj, Toshakhaneea—Treasury accounts. Hyder Ullly Khan, Motmid to the Alloowallah Sirkar—regarding private matters. Fakeer Shums-ood-deen—complimentary. Beerbur Misr Saheb Diyal—customs returns. Golab Rai, news-writer—Akhbars. Lalla Khooshee Ram, Vakeel of Sirdar Lehna Singh—private message.

25th February.

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27th February.

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**Political Diary of the Officiating Agent, Governor-General,
North-West Frontier, and Resident at Lahore, from
the 27th February to the 4th March 1848.**

SUMMARY OF PUNJAB INTELLIGENCE.

27th February.

1. "Sirdar Runjore Singh, Majeethia, having been restored to favour, attends the Durbar, and expresses to the Chiefs his hopes that past faults may be overlooked."

2. "*Perwanahs* are sent to the Kardars of Umritsur and other places on the Hoshiarpore road ordering them to pay implicit obedience to any instructions regarding dak bearers that may be given them by the Hoshiarpore Post Master."

28th February.

1. "A report is received that Dr. Martin's house has been attacked in the night by thieves."

2. "Rajahs Tej Singh and Deena Nath finally settle the distribution of Kardars in the Baree Doab and the amount of their salaries: there are to be six Kardars."

29th February.

1. "Orders are given to Jowahir Mull, Mistree, to prepare returns of all Government preserves throughout the country with a view to bringing such as may be eligible under cultivation."

2. "The Durbar Vakeel, agreeably with my instructions, delivers a *roobakaree* expressive of my anxiety regarding the capture of certain noted free-booters in the Manjha, in consequence of which a letter is addressed to Sirdar Shumshere Singh, Sindhanwallah, on the subject."

3. "A petition is received from Dewan Ajoodhia Pershad stating that he had written to Maharajah Gholab Singh's confidant in Huzara regarding the delivery of Chupral and Runjeet Gurh into the possession of the Lahore Government; that he had referred the question to Meean Runbeer Singh at Jummoo, who had again written to his father in Cashmere, and that they were now awaiting the Maharajah's reply."

4. "Lieutenant Pollock conducts the Chiefs to Durbar at the Residency."

Rajah Deena Nath presents a large number of *perwanahs* and regulations regarding the new Kardaree system in the Baree Doab for my signature.

Rajah Tej Singh suffering from indisposition but little business is transacted.

1st March.

1. "The *perwanahs* in re the appointment of new Kardars to the Baree Doab are issued by Rajah Tej Singh."

2. "Some *roobakarees* on various subjects are received from me by the Durbar."

3. "A question is mooted in Durbar regarding stores in some forts of the Jullunder Doab occupied by us; and which, to the amount of one lakh rupees, are said to have been appropriated by the British; a reference on the subject is to be made to me."

4. Meean Jowahir Singh, nephew to Maharajah Golab Singh, has started from Jummoo *en route* to Lahore."

2nd March.

1. "News of a dacoity in the neighbourhood of Attaree, planned by one Jumceeyut Singh, is received. General dissatisfaction is expressed at this occurrence, the prevention of which ought to have been secured by Sirdar Shumshere Singh, Sindhanwallah."

2. "Sirdar Kanh Singh, Man, reports that Bhace Mohan Singh and the sons of Bhace Govind Ram are dissatisfied with the decision of the Durbar on their own case. Rajah Tej Singh orders them to be informed that unless they bow to the decision their *jagheers* will be resumed."

3. Raie Mool Singh, the Durbar Vakeel, visits me at the Residency.

4. "In consequence of a representation from the Vakeel of the Nazim of Mooltan, security to the amount of 12,700 rupees is taken from one Doonee Chund, shroff, for Hunsraj's appearance when required, he being now a prisoner in the fort of Govindgurh. A *perwanah* is accordingly sent to the Killadar, ordering Hunsraj's release."

5. "News is received of the escape of 5 prisoners from their guards while working on the roads."

3rd March.

1. "A news-letter is delivered from Sheikhopoor, in which a request is preferred from the Maharanee for some dak runners to fetch Her Highness water from the Gauges. A reply is written informing her that she is at liberty to hire as many runners as she likes, but that there are none of the Government servants off duty."

2. "Various Akhbars are received and read."

3. Rajah Deena Nath returns to the Durbar after having visited me at the Residency.

4. "The Rajahs, talking about the advent to Lahore of Meeans Jowahir and Motee Singh, sons to Dhyun Singh, say that although they are coming on the pretence of sporting, their object is to clear up their differences with their uncle by the mediation of the Resident."

4th March.

1. "The Durbar send presents to General Whish, and express their surprise at the rapid journey he has made from Calcutta."

2. "Several Akhbars are read in Durbar."

3. "Sirdar Uttur Singh represents in Durbar that the property lately stolen at Shahderah has been recovered. The owners may identify and take away their property."

4. General Whish attends Durbar and is much pleased with the writing of the Maharajah.

5. The following documents are enclosed :—

No. 1.—Lieutenant Edwardes' diary No. 38 for 19th and 20th ultimo.

No. 2.—Captain Abbott's Boundary Journal from 13th to 22nd ultimo.

No. 3.—Major G. St. P. Lawrence's Peshawur diary from 20th to 26th ditto.

No. 4.—Lieutenant Nicholson's diary from 13th to 19th ditto.

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VISITS PAID AND RECEIVED.

28th February.

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Deena Nath, Bahadoor—revenue matters. Hookum Chund, Moonshee of Raie Bhag Singh, Vakeel to the Lahore Government—Durbar papers. Raie Mool Singh, Motmid of Rajah Tej Singh—regarding military arrangements.

29th February.

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Public Durbar: Rajahs Tej Singh, Deena Nath and Shere Singh, Bahadoors; Sirdar Uttur Singh, Kalawallah; Bhace Nidhan Singh; Baha Muhyean Singh; Misr Megh Raj, Toshakhaneea; Ruttun Chund, Doogul; Bukshee Bhuggut Ram; Sheikh Scindhee Khan.

1st March.

Jairam, Moonshee of Misr Megh Raj, Toshakhaneea—Treasury accounts. Sirdar Uttur Singh, Kalawallah—papers of Irregular army. Mahomed Oosman Khan—the ex-Wuzeer of His Highness the late Shah Shooja-ool-Moolk—private conference. Golab Rai, news-writer—Akhbars. Hookum Chund, Moonshee of Raie Bhag Singh, Vakeel to the Lahore Government—Durbar papers. Hyder Ally Khan, Motmid to the Alloowallah Sirkar—private message. Lalla Khooshee Ram, Vakeel of Sirdar Lehna Singh—criminal returns. Fakeer Suraj-ood-deen—to receive a *khuliat*.

2nd March.

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3rd March.

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4th March.

Jairam, Moonshee of Misr Megh Raj, Toshakhaneea—Treasury accounts. Hyder Ally Khan, Motmid to the Alloowallah Sirkar—private conference. Hookum Chund, Moonshee of Raie Bhag Singh, Vakeel to the Lahore Government—Durbar papers. Gunesh Dass, Vakeel of Sirdar Uttur Singh, Kalawallah—to receive a pistol as *khillut* for his master. Sirdar Uttur Singh, Attareewallah, and Fakeer Shums-ood-deen—to conduct me to the Durbar.

5th March.

Jairam, Moonshee of Misr Megh Raj, Toshakhaneea—Treasury accounts. Raie Mool Singh, Motmid of Rajah Tej Singh, Bahadoor—with private message.

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